



DRAGON  
CHAPTER  
PART 1: THE  
FIREMEN'S  
BANNER

WHAT  
YOU'VE  
ALL BEEN  
WAITING  
FOR...

\*IT'S CUSTOMARY FOR AUDIENCES TO SHOUT THE HOUSE OF THE ACTOR.

KINO-  
KUNIYA\*!





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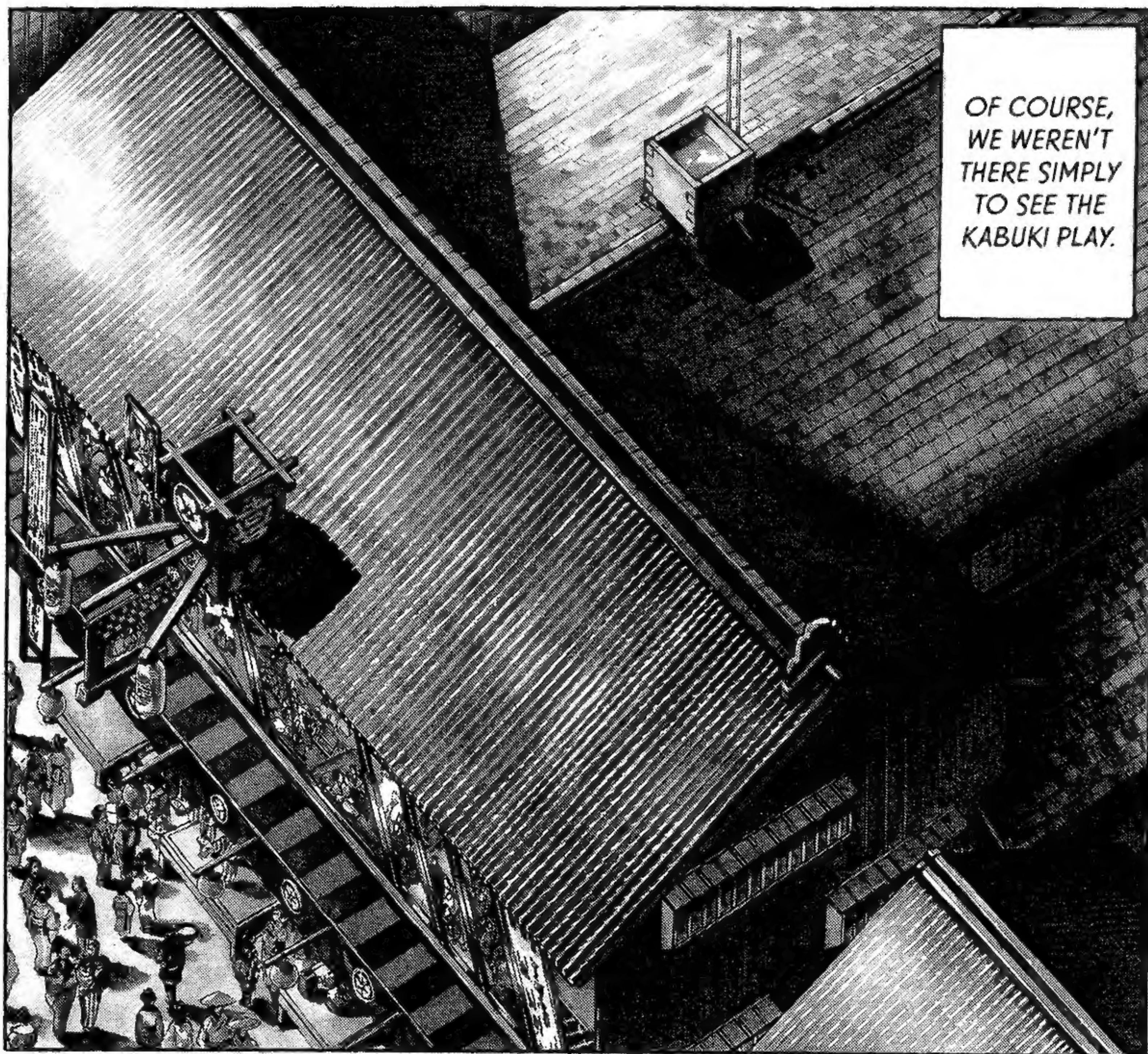
WINTER  
(NOVEMBER,)  
THIRD YEAR OF  
BUNKYU (1863)

THE THEATER  
DISTRICT OF  
SARUWAKA-CHO

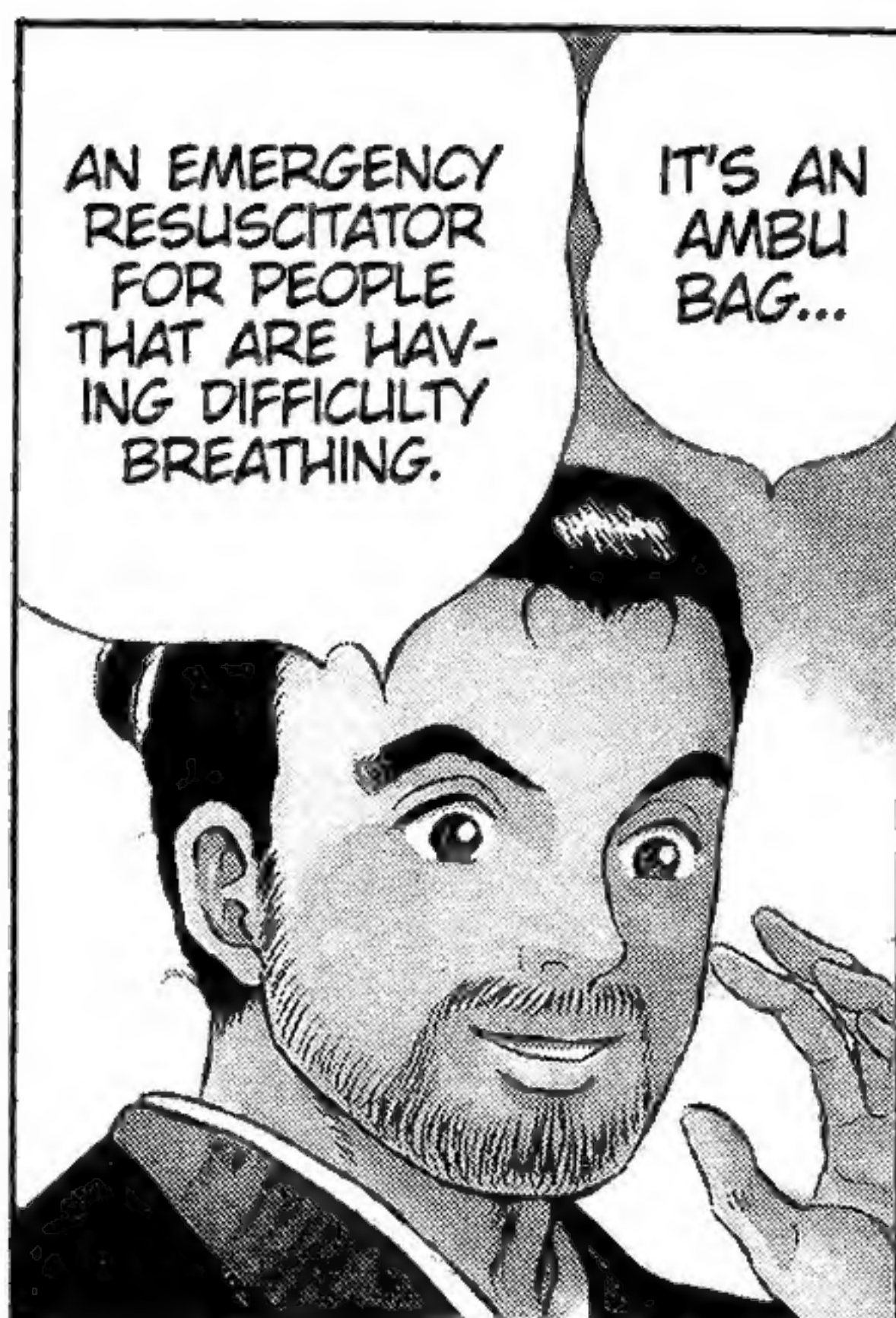
ON THAT DAY,  
I TOOK SAKI-SAN  
WITH ME TO WATCH  
A PERFORMANCE  
AT THE MORITA-ZA  
THEATER STARRING  
TANOSUKE SAWAMURA.







OF COURSE,  
WE WEREN'T  
THERE SIMPLY  
TO SEE THE  
KABUKI PLAY.



AN EMERGENCY  
RESUSCITATOR  
FOR PEOPLE  
THAT ARE HAV-  
ING DIFFICULTY  
BREATHING.

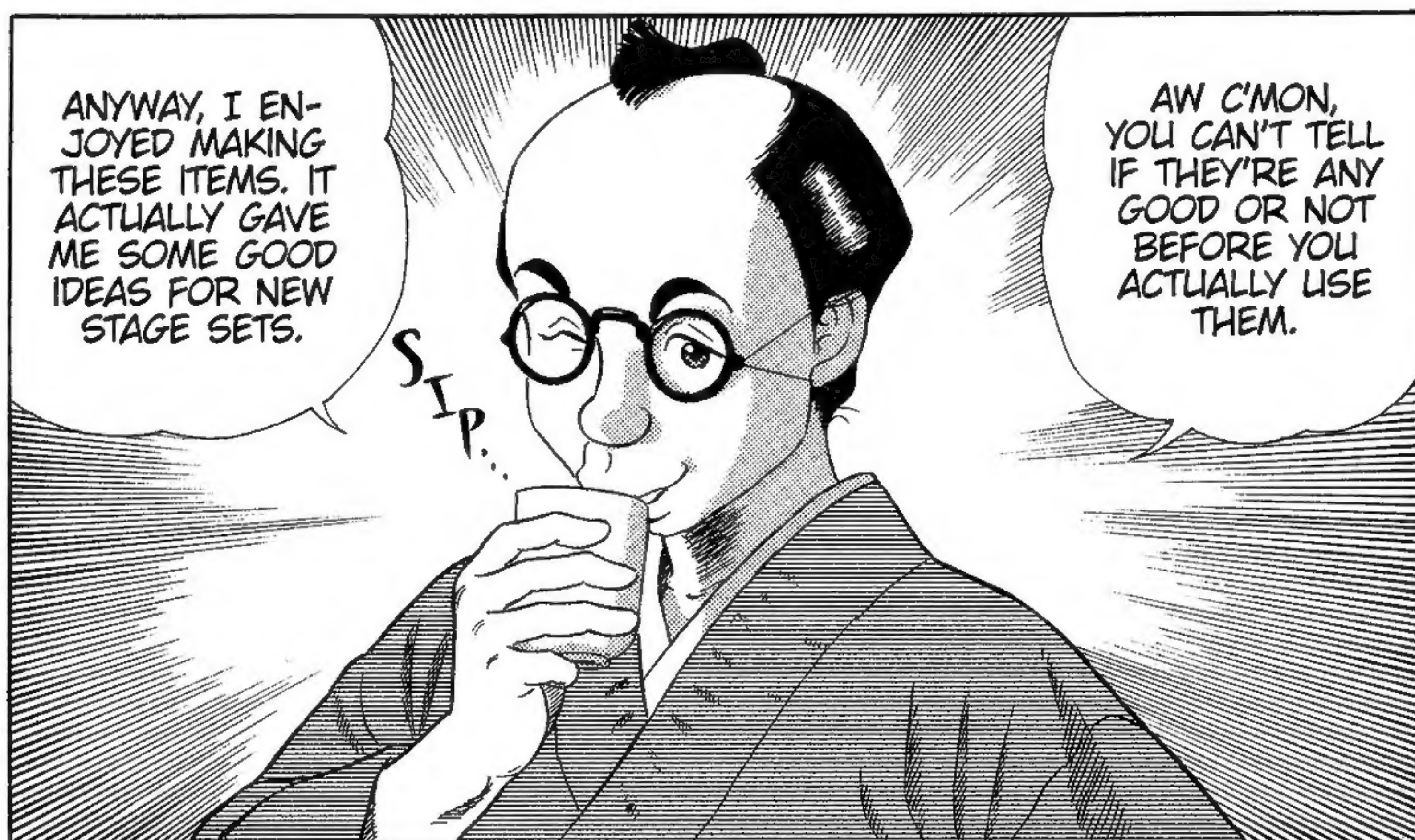
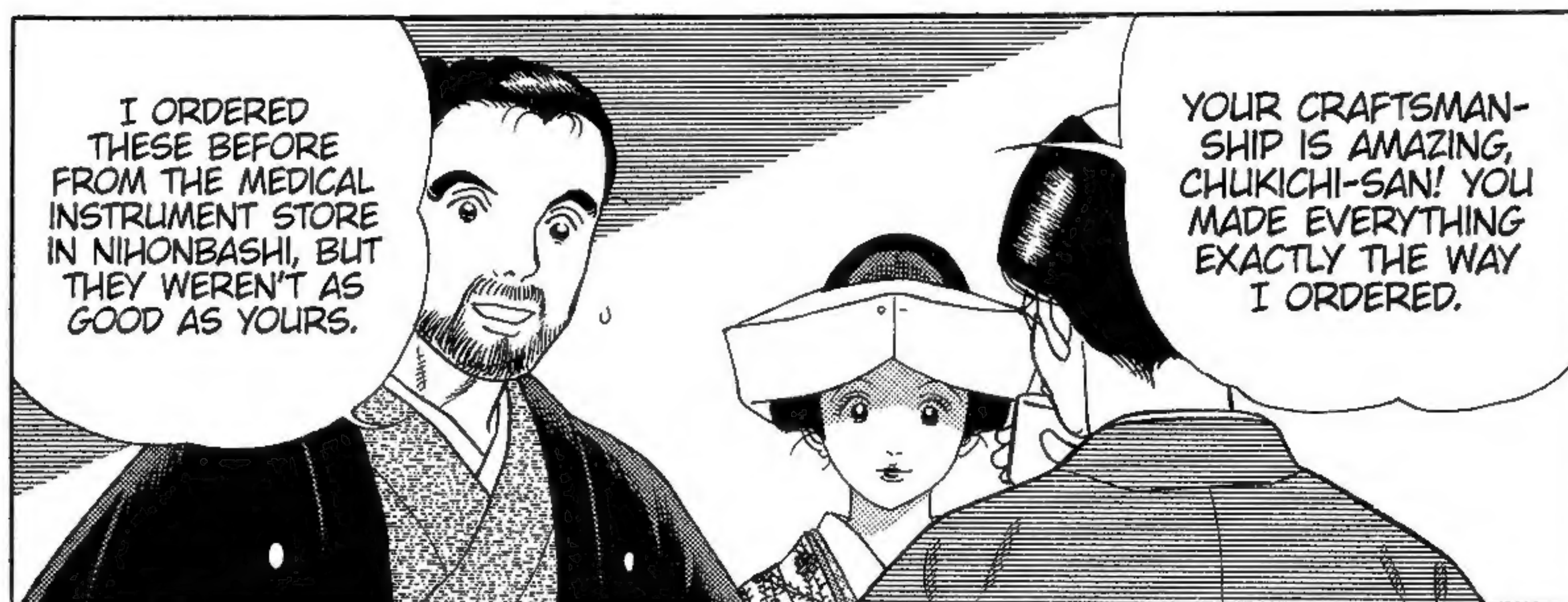
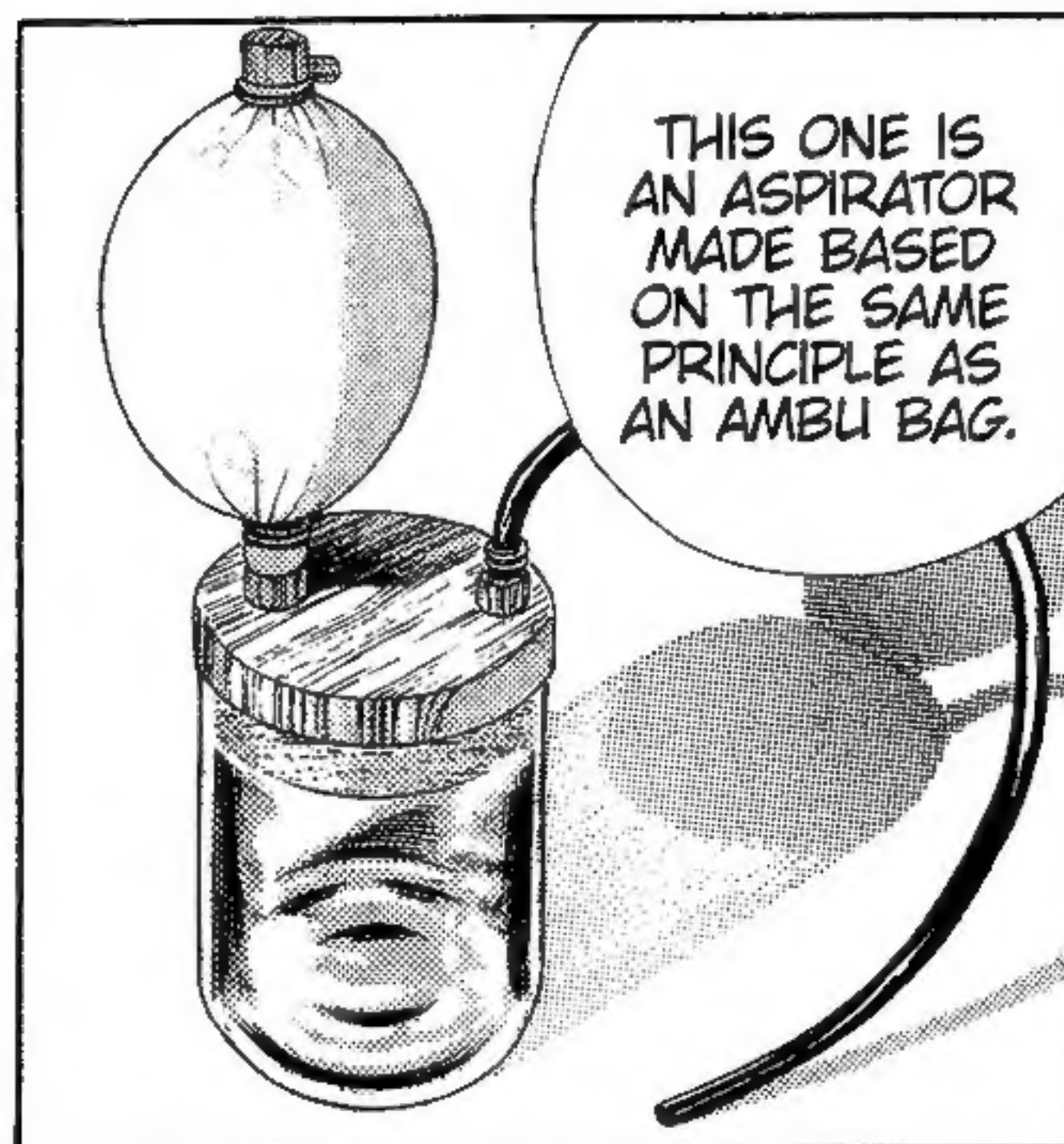
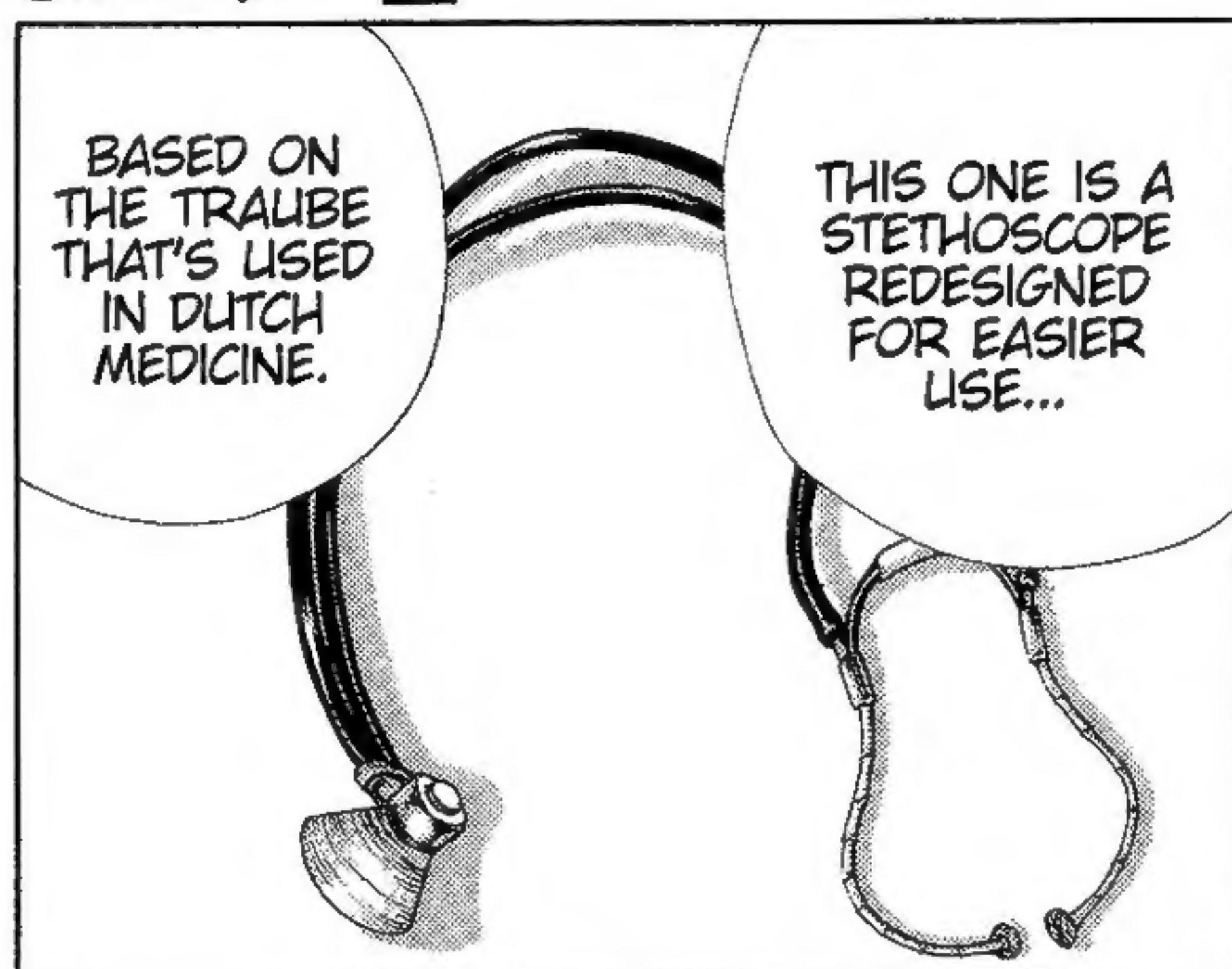
IT'S AN  
AMBU  
BAG...



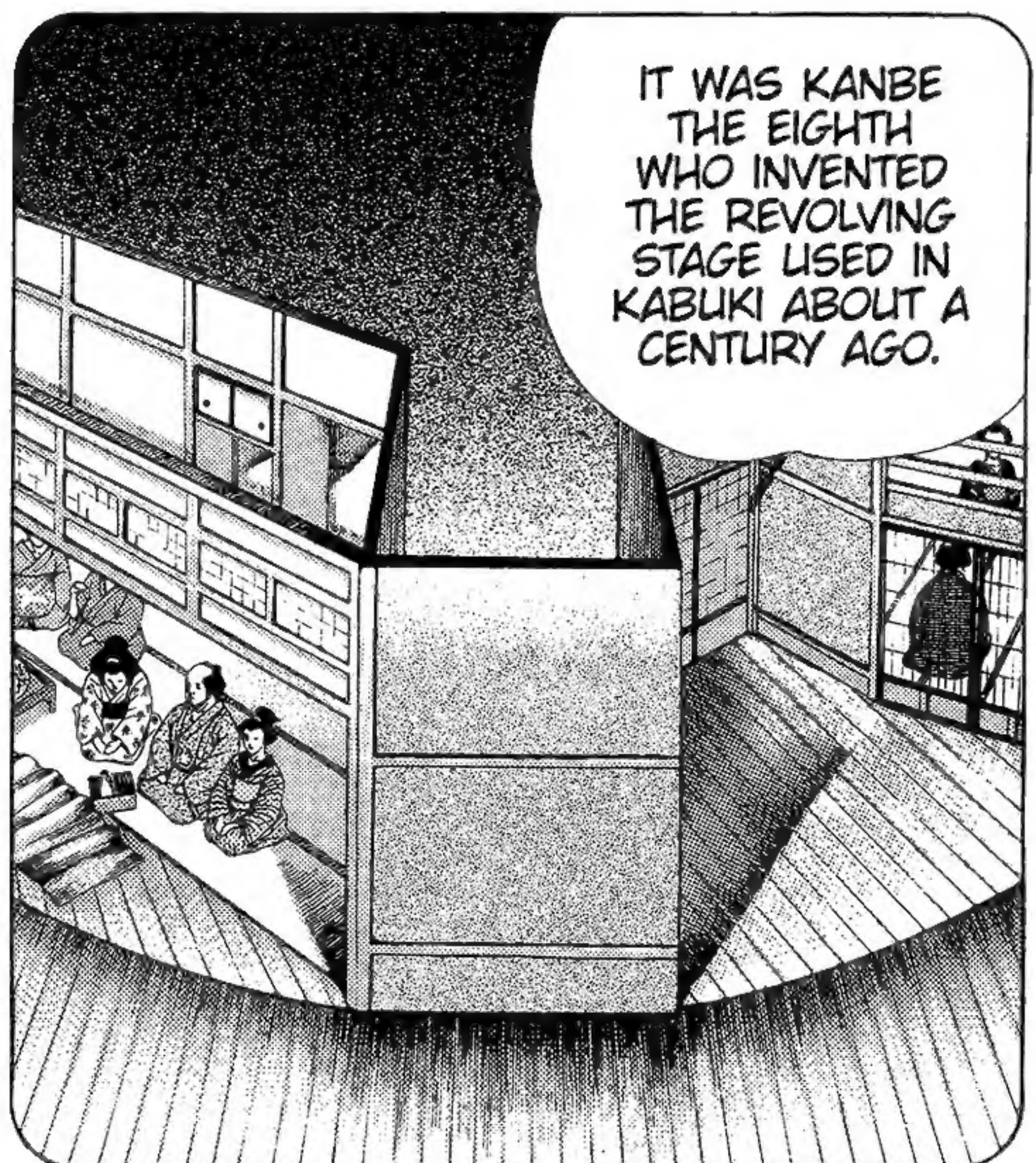
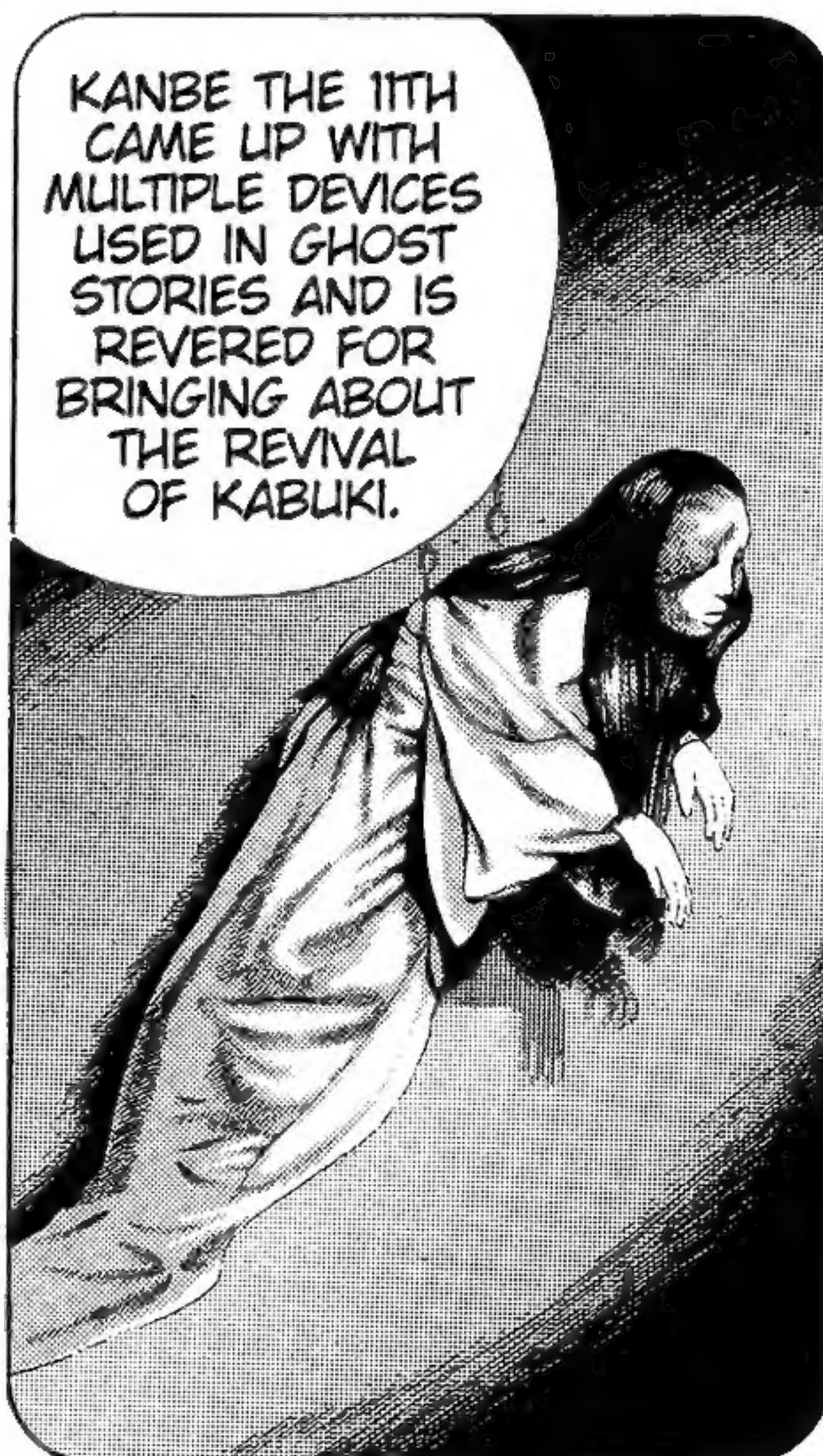
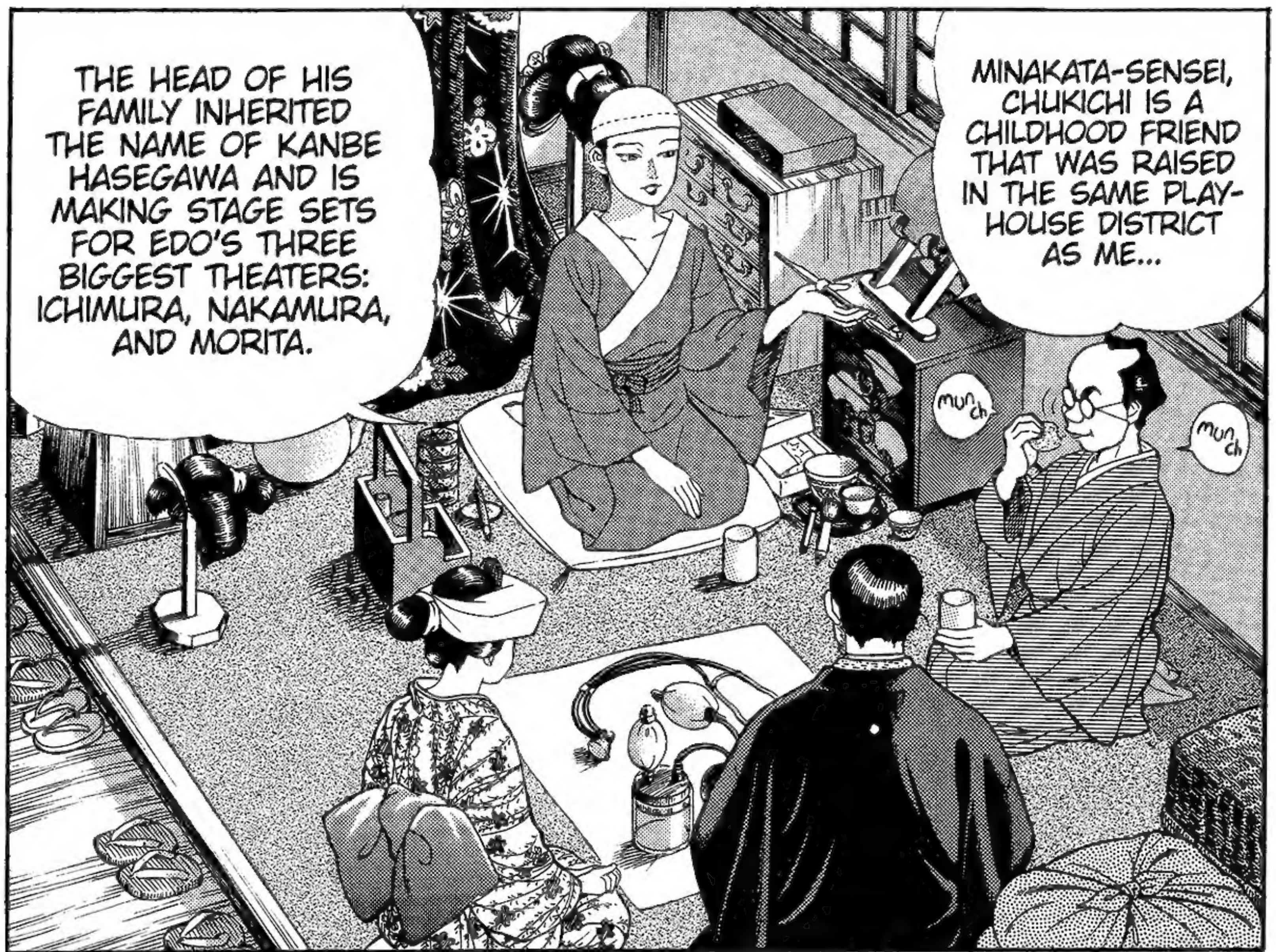
THAT ITEM  
YOU CALLED  
AN AMBU...  
SOMETHING?

WHAT'S  
THIS?  
COULD  
IT BE...

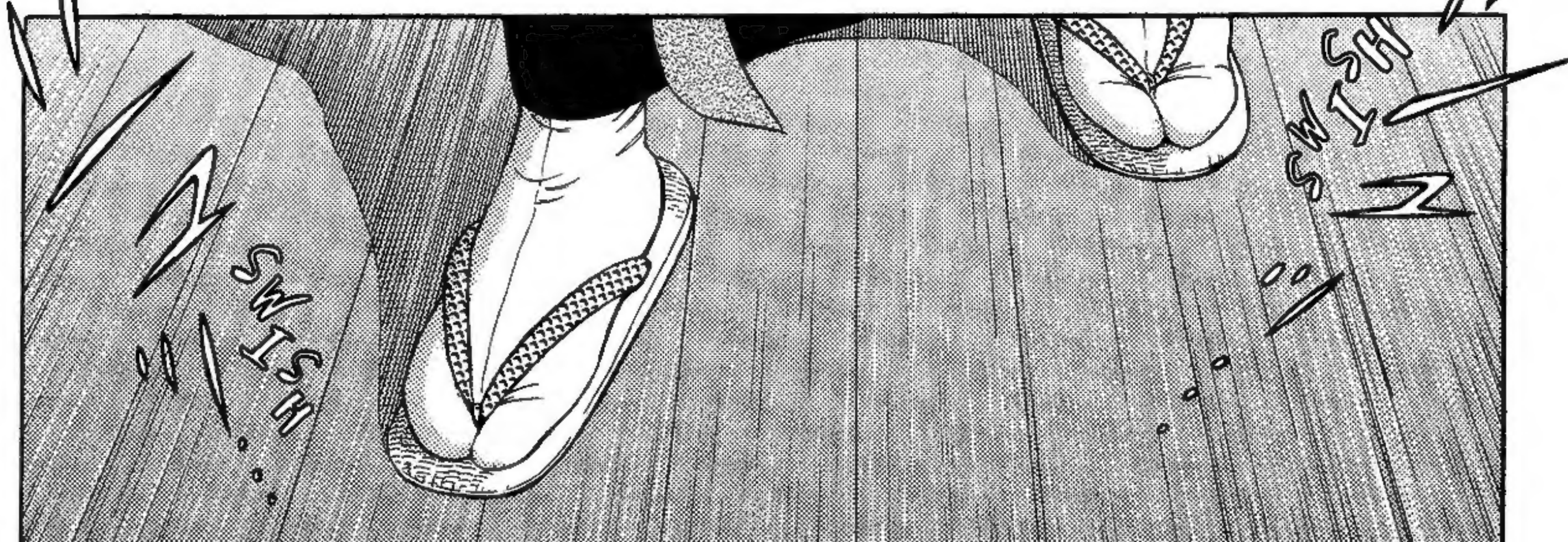
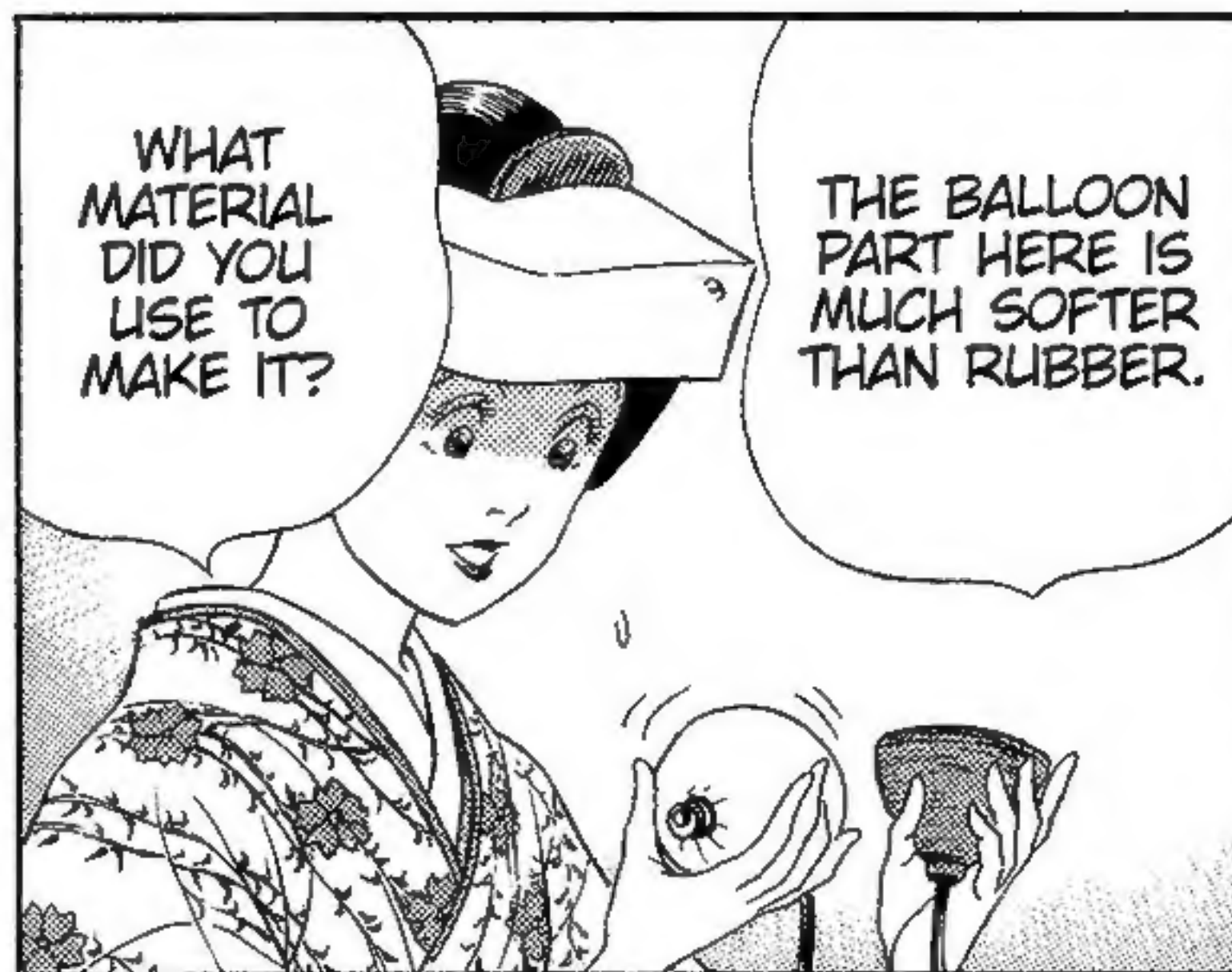
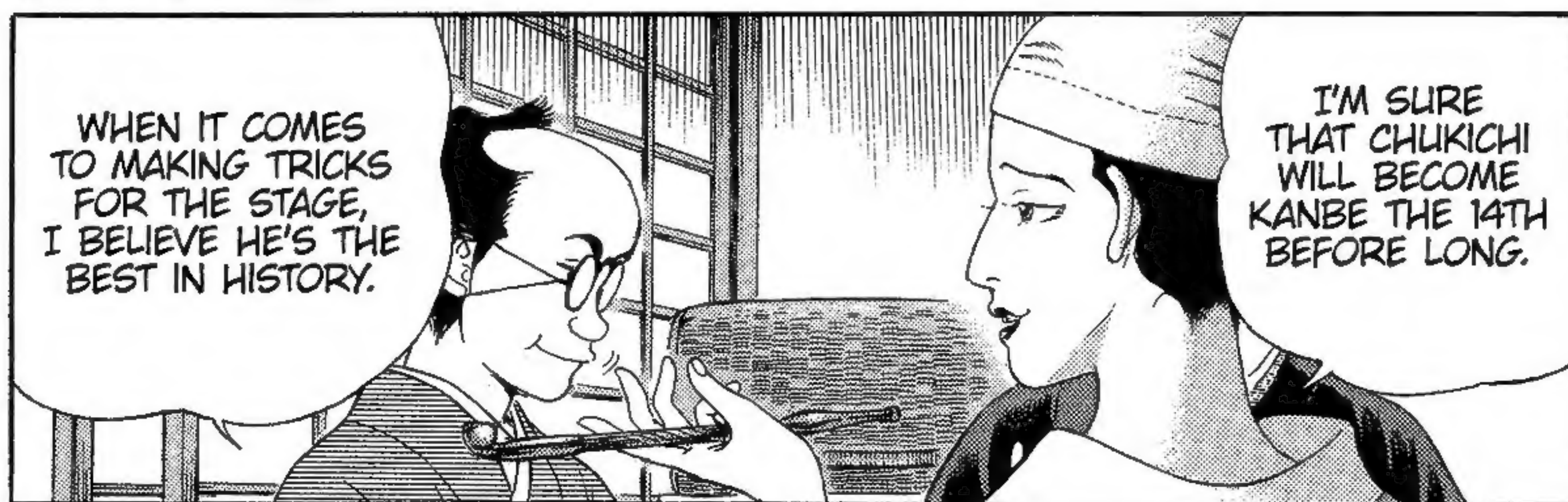




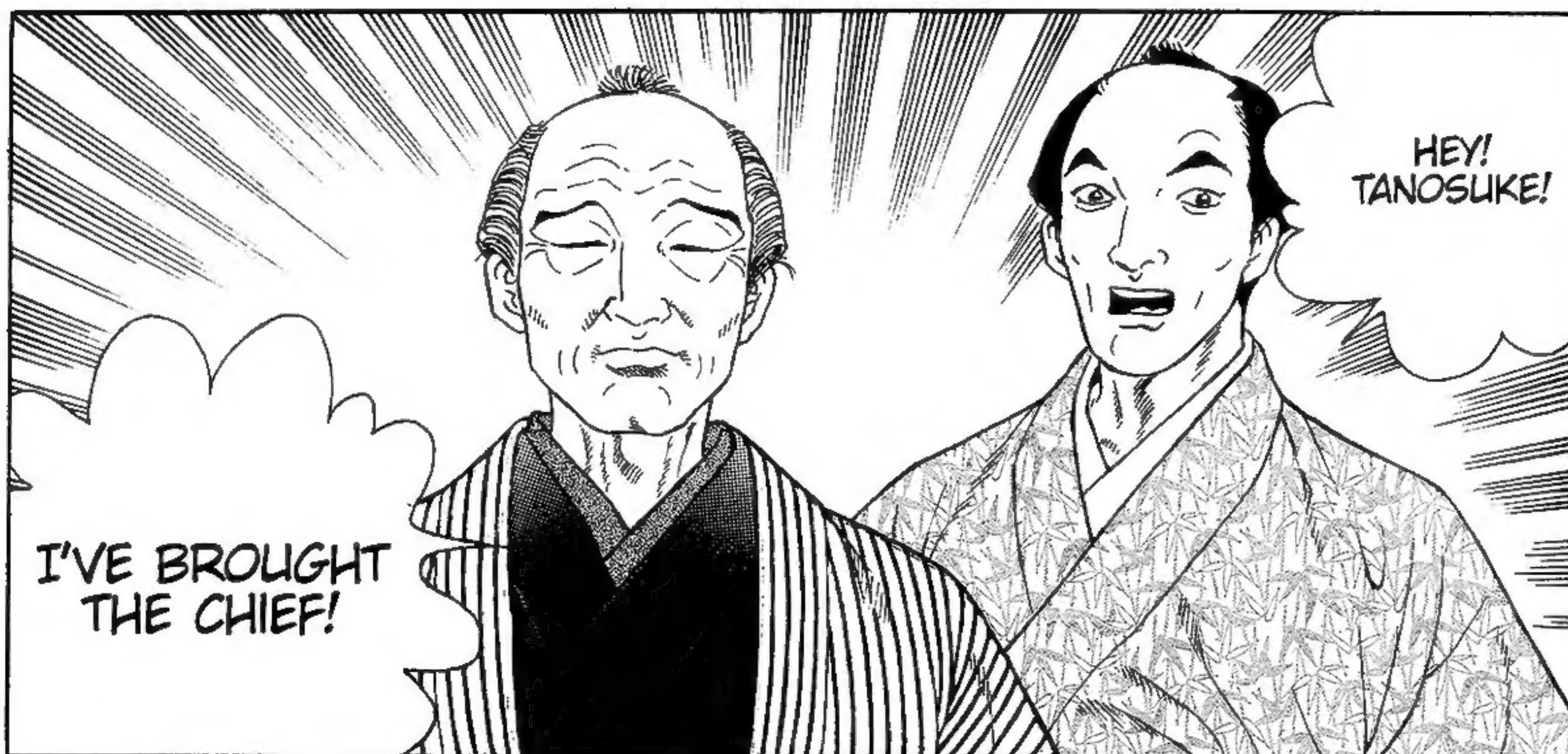












I'VE BROUGHT  
THE CHIEF!

HEY!  
TANOSLUKE!



DESPITE YOUR  
YOUTH, YOU'RE  
GETTING MORE  
SEDUCTIVE ON  
STAGE.

I SAW  
YOUR PLAY,  
TANOSLUKE.



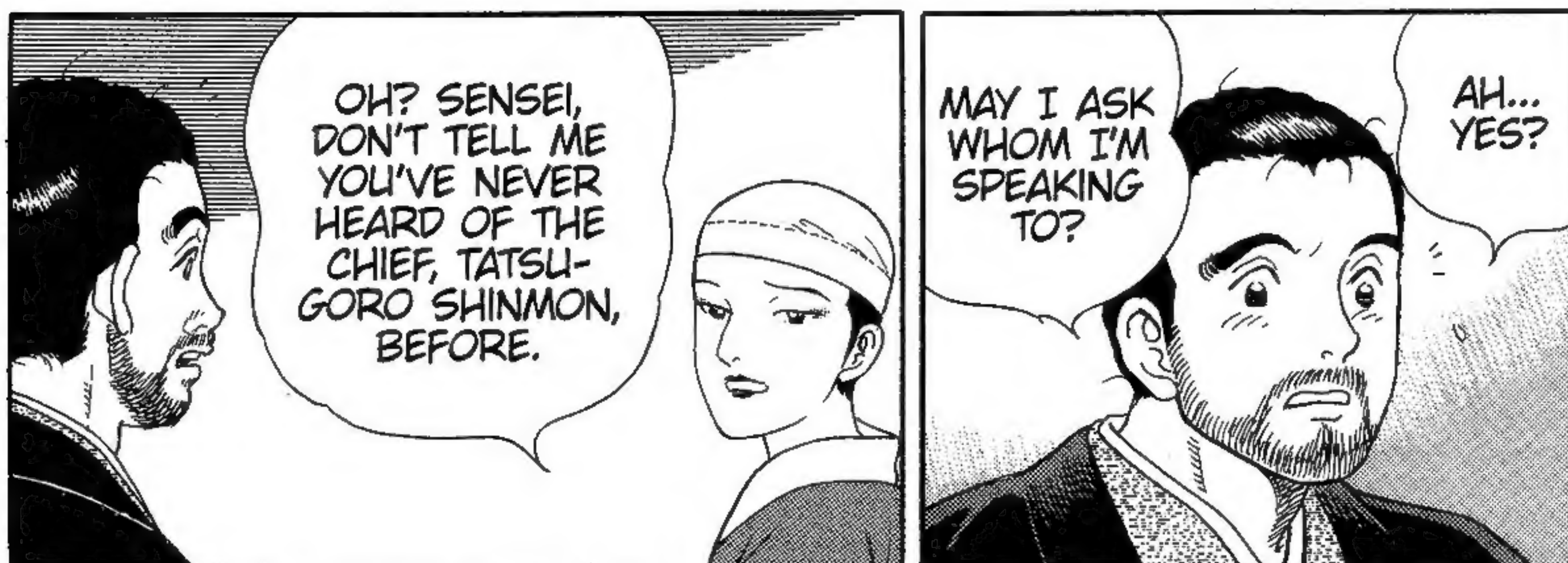
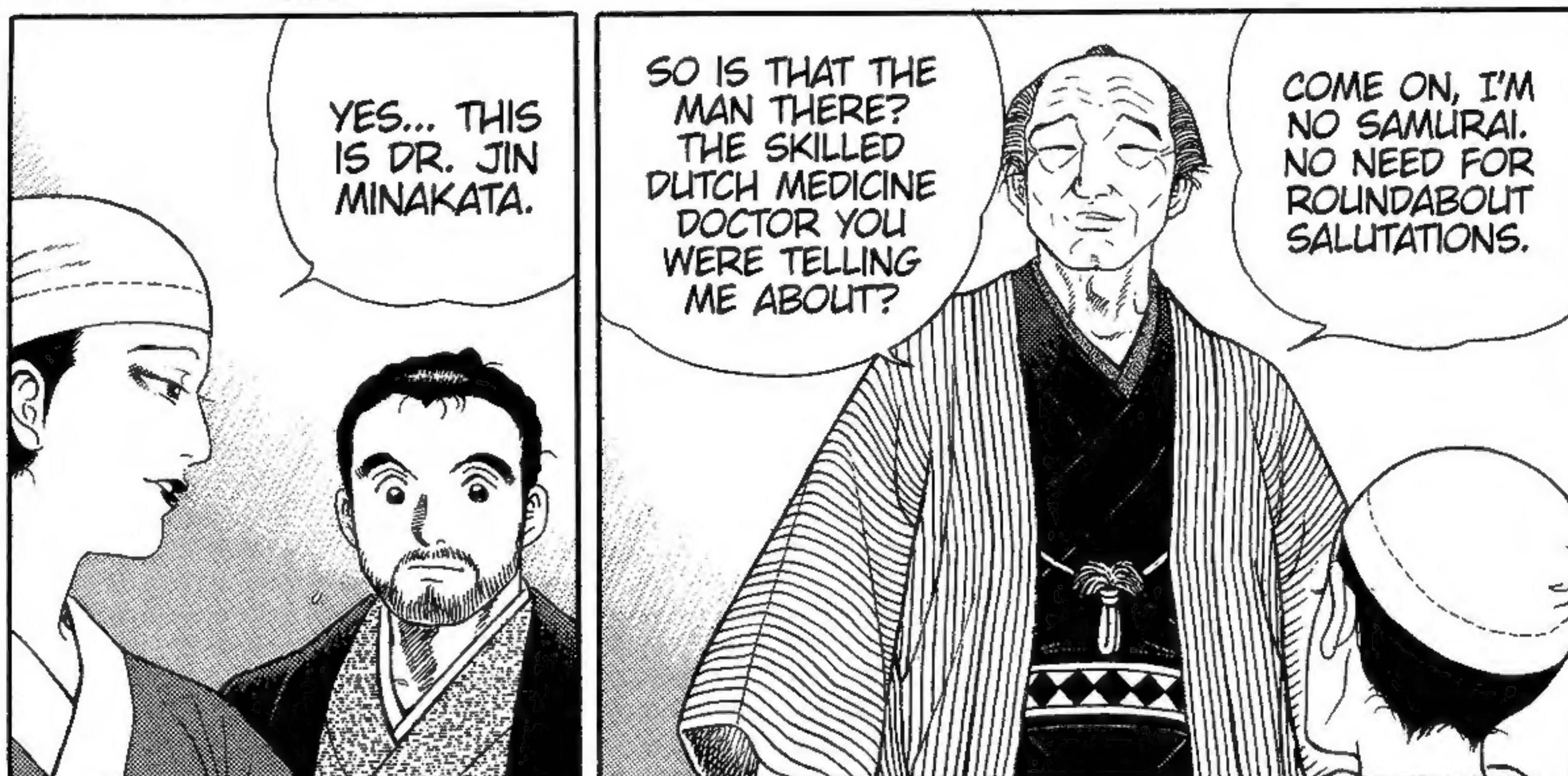
THANK YOU,  
SENKICHI-  
SAN.



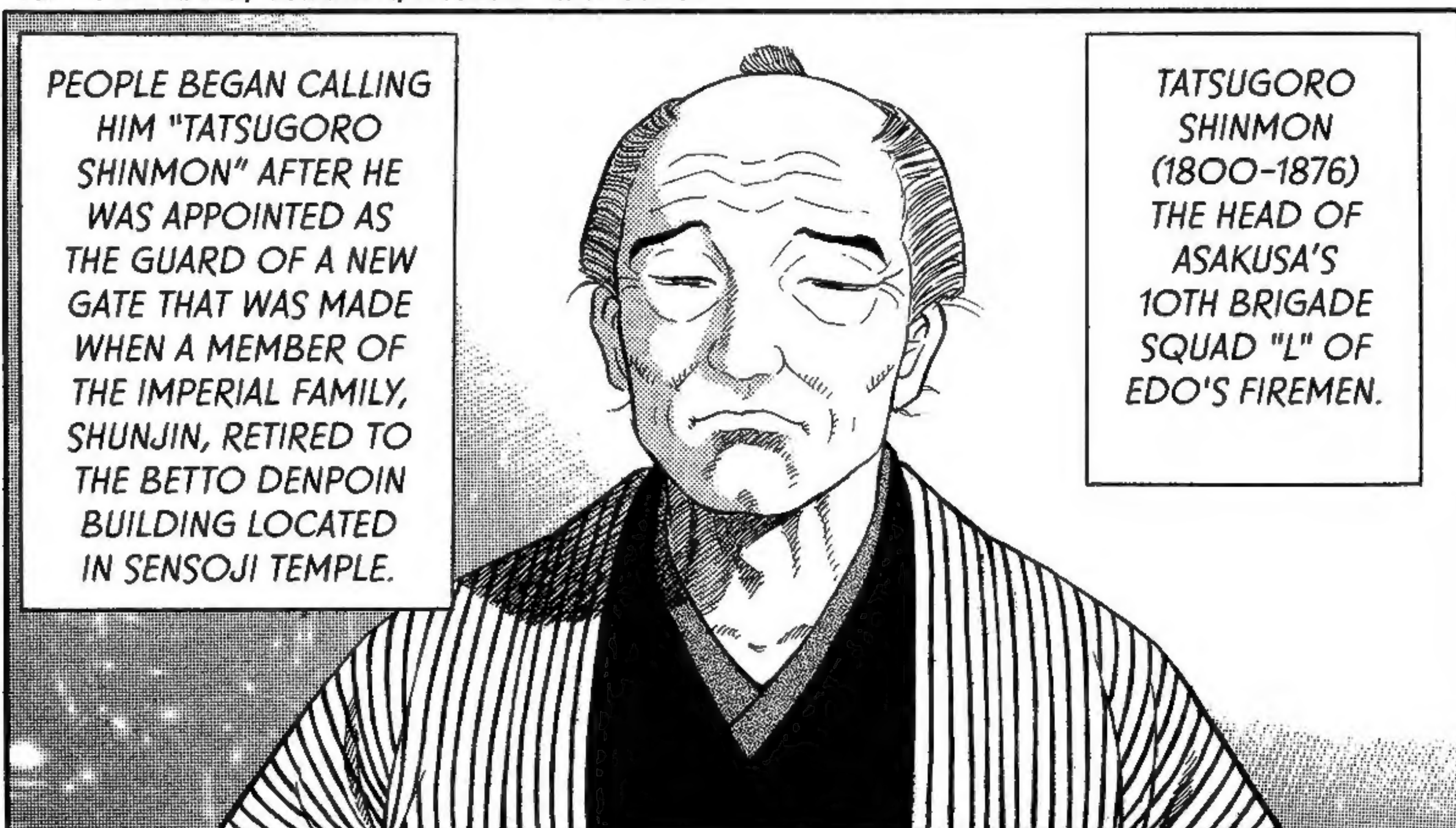
PLEASE FORGIVE  
MY IMPOLITENESS  
FOR CALLING YOU  
OUT HERE...

I'M VERY  
FLATTERED,  
CHIEF SHIN-  
MON.

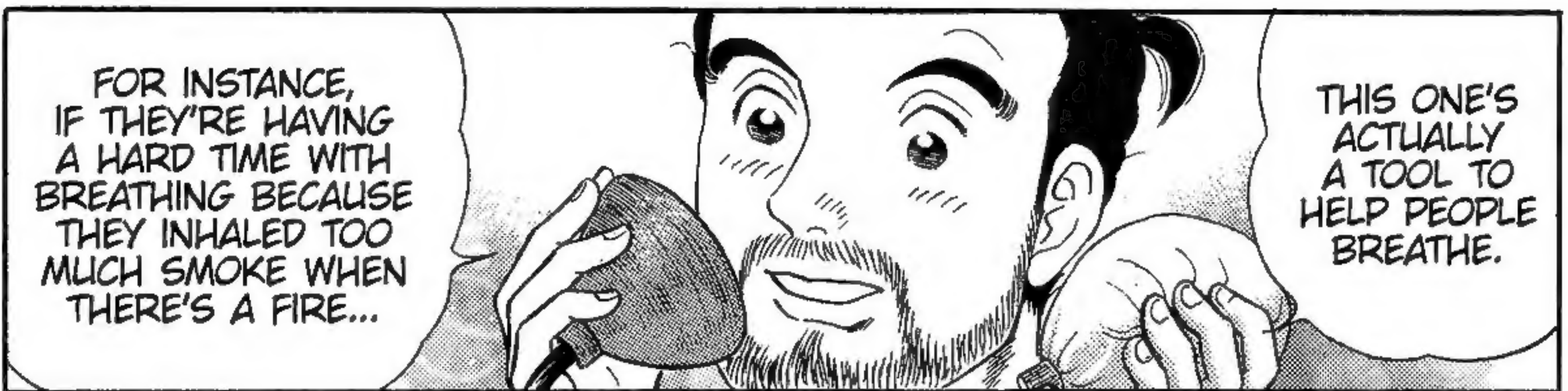




\*HIS LAST NAME, SHINMON, MEANS "NEW GATE."









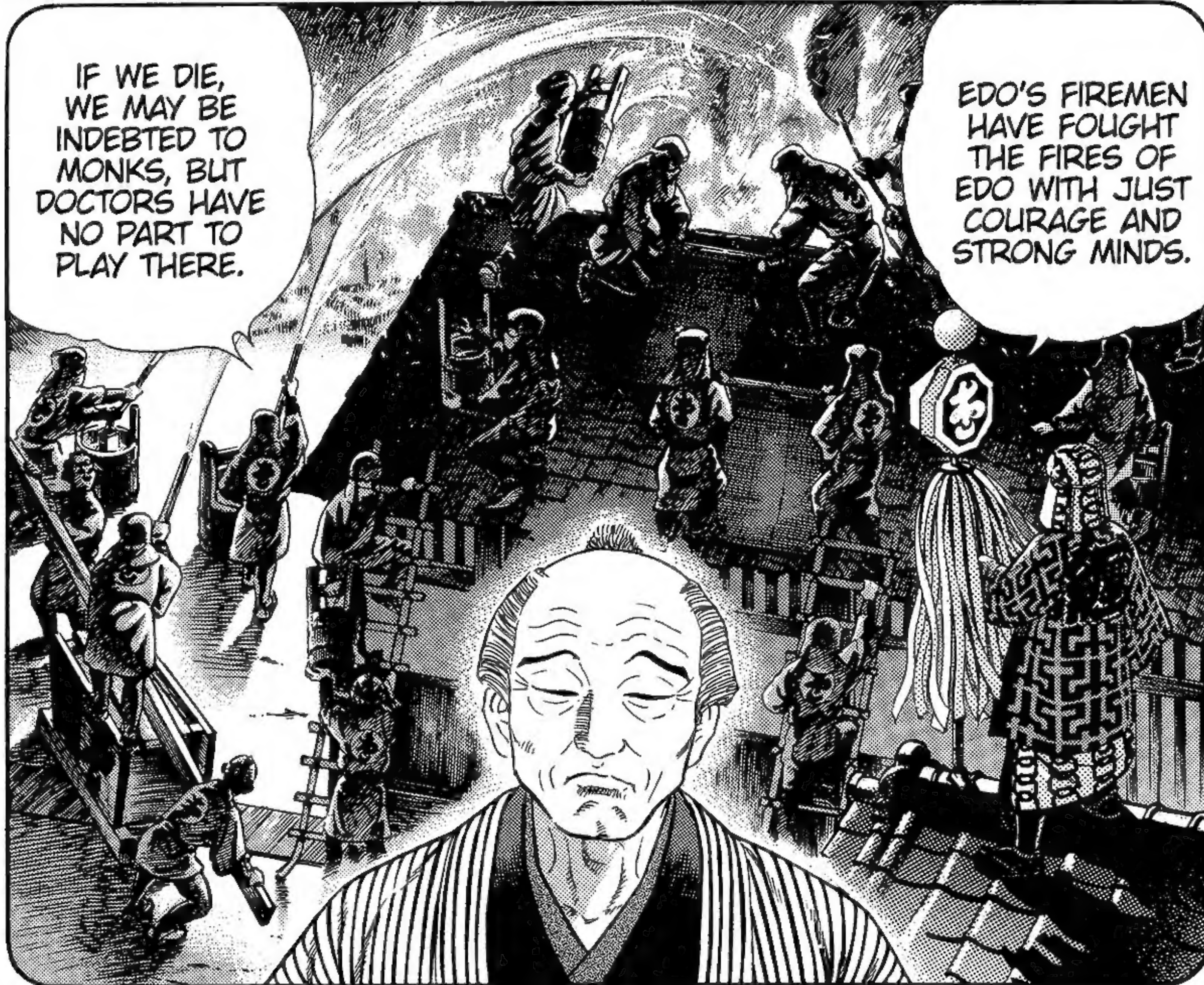


THAT LITTLE  
THING WILL BE  
MORE USELESS  
THAN THE PITIFUL  
WATER PUMPS\*  
WE HAVE.



WHAT?!

\*THE PUMPS, CALLED RYUDOSUI, WERE ONLY GOOD FOR CONTAINING THE SPREAD OF FIRE.



IF WE DIE,  
WE MAY BE  
INDEBTED TO  
MONKS, BUT  
DOCTORS HAVE  
NO PART TO  
PLAY THERE.

EDO'S FIREMEN  
HAVE FOUGHT  
THE FIRES OF  
EDO WITH JUST  
COURAGE AND  
STRONG MINDS.



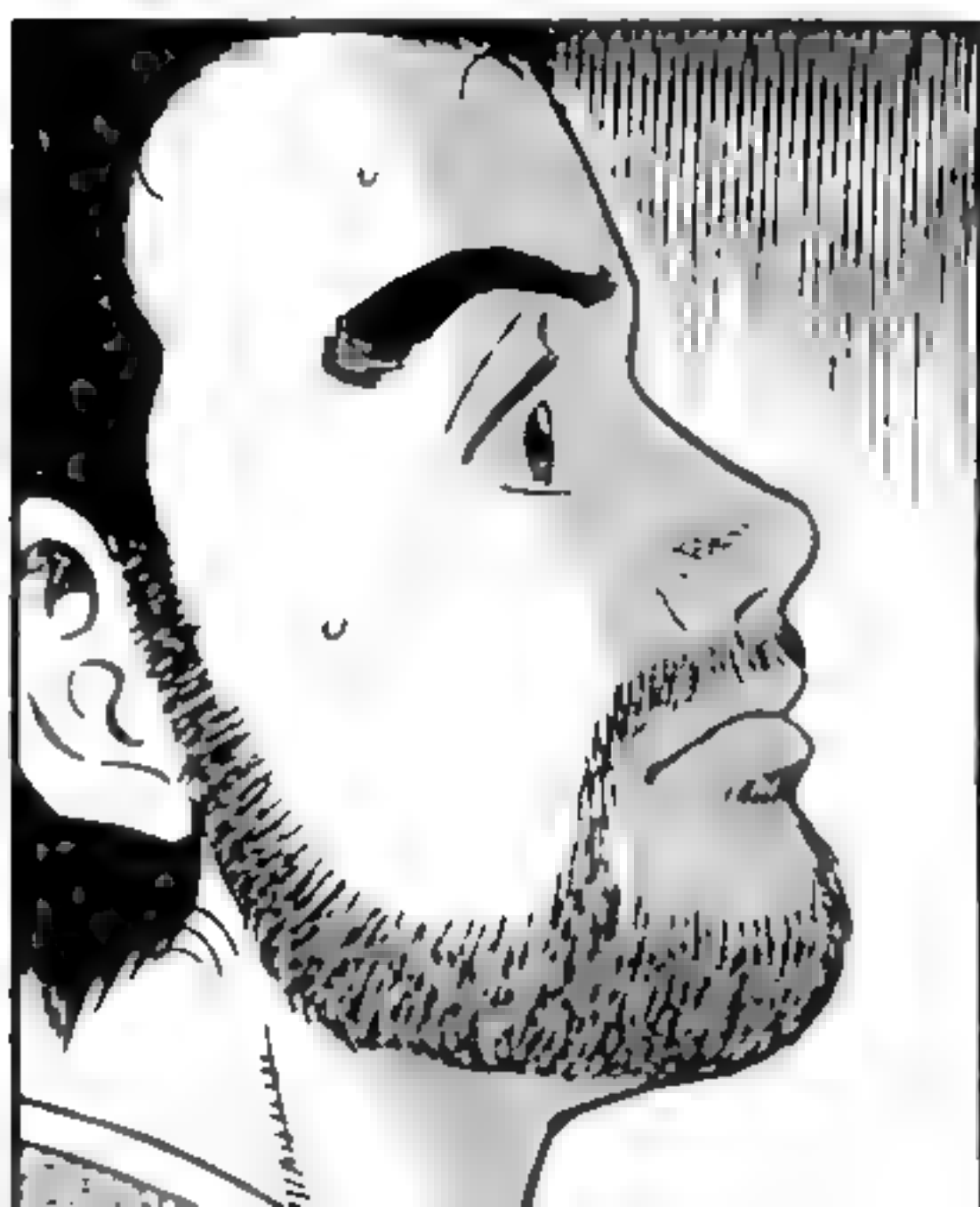
BUT MINA-  
KATA-SENSEI  
ISN'T LIKE THE  
OTHER QUACKS  
OUT THERE. HE  
HAS PLENTY  
OF GLITS.

NOW,  
NOW, CHIEF  
TATSUGORO,  
I KNOW YOU  
DON'T LIKE  
DOCTORS...





\*EDO (TOKUGAWA) SHOGUNATE (1603-1867)











AND SINCE HE ACTS AS A SUPERVISOR FOR STREET ENTERTAINERS, MERCHANTS, AND HAWKERS WHO PAY HIM EVERY DAY IN THE PRECINCTS OF THE SENSOU TEMPLE, HE'S ALSO BLESSED WITH FINANCIAL POWER.

HE'S KNOWN FOR HIS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP WHEN FACING FIRE AND HIS GUTS IN SETTLING NUMEROUS LARGE FIGHTS. HE'S EVEN GOT MORE THAN THREE THOUSAND FOLLOWERS!

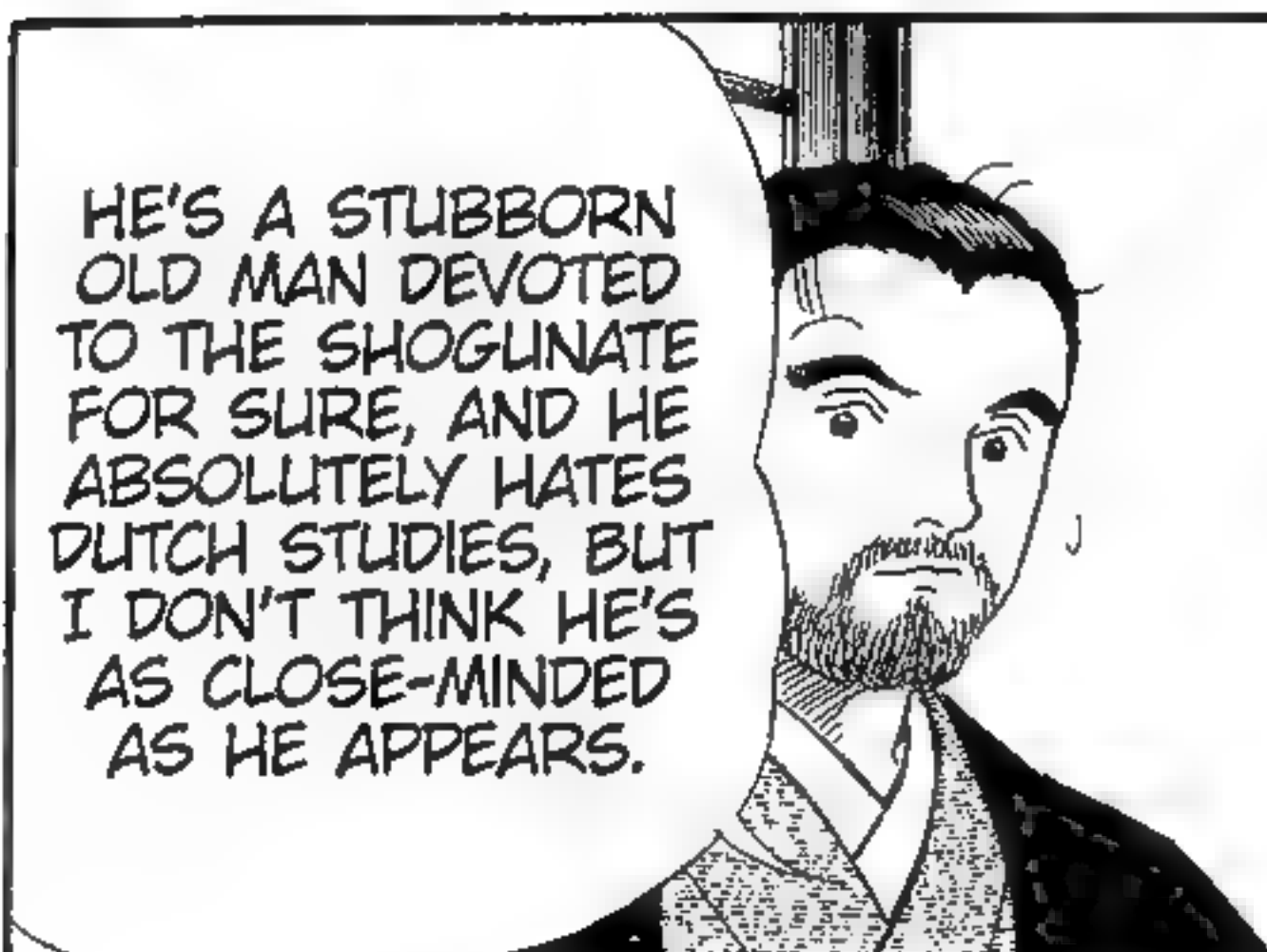
\*LATER KNOWN AS YOSHINOBU TOKUGAWA, THE LAST SHOGUN



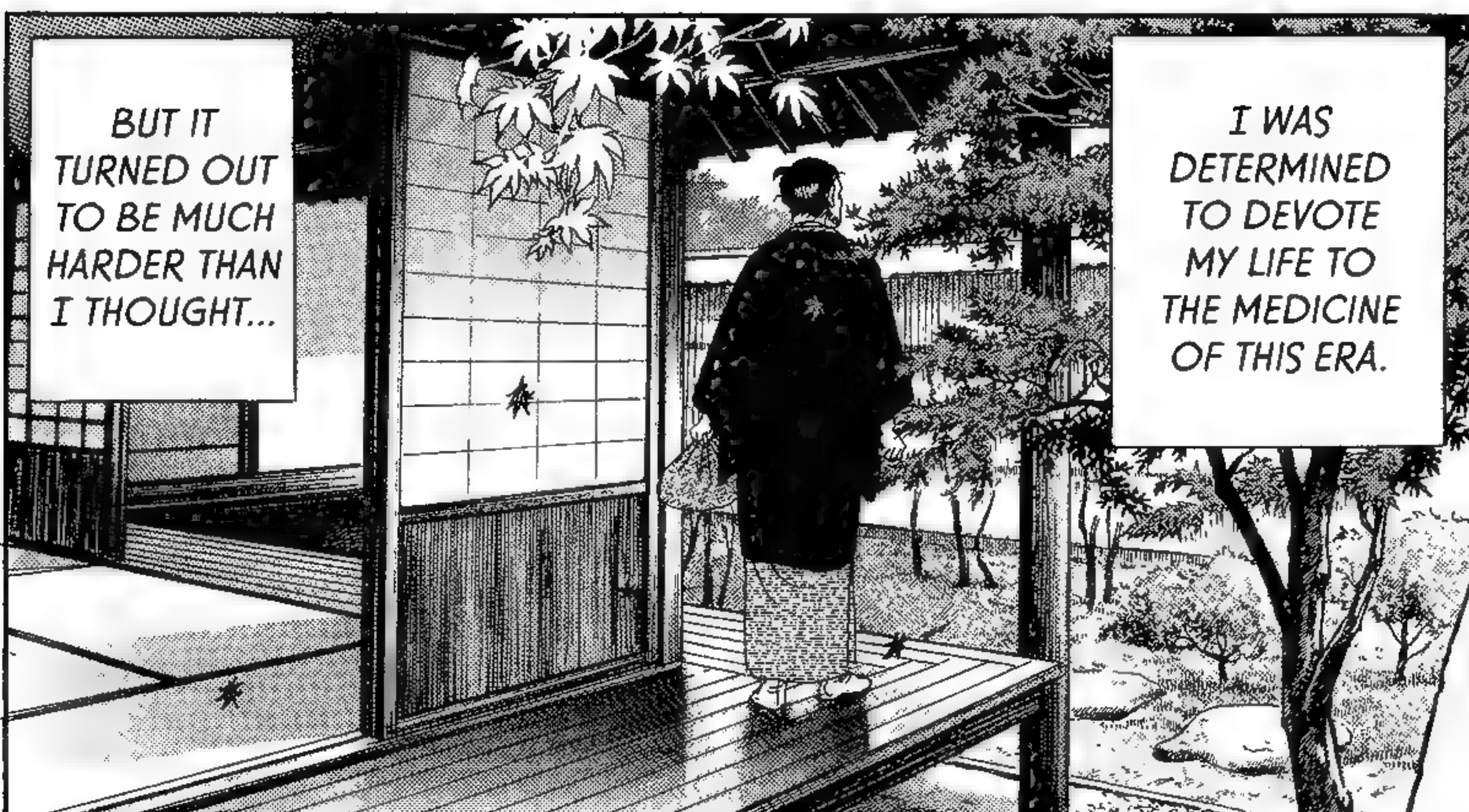
HE GUARDED THE LORD OF KYOTO WITH 300 OF HIS FOLLOWERS AT THE END OF LAST YEAR.

DESPITE BEING A MERE TOWNSMAN, HE'S FAVORED BY LORD HITOTSUBASHI-GYOKU...













HOWEVER,  
SINCE NATURAL  
PENICILLIN IS  
UNSTABLE, IF IT  
ISN'T USED WHILE  
IT'S FRESH, IT HAS  
TO BE THROWN  
AWAY ONE AFTER  
ANOTHER.

I WAS ABLE  
TO MAKE THE  
ARRANGEMENTS  
FOR PENICILLIN  
PRODUCTION  
THANKS TO GIHE  
HAMAGUCHI.



MY INITIAL  
INTENT OF  
USING THE  
INSTITUTE  
TO SPREAD  
PENICILLIN  
HAS FAILED.

AFTER  
KOAN OGATA-  
SENSEI DIED,  
MY VISITS TO  
THE MEDICAL  
INSTITUTE  
BECAME LESS  
AND LESS  
FREQUENT.



BUT  
I DON'T  
EVEN KNOW  
WHERE TO  
START.

NOW THAT  
THINGS HAVE  
COME TO THIS,  
I NEED TO BUILD  
MY OWN CLINIC  
SO I CAN TREAT  
PATIENTS...



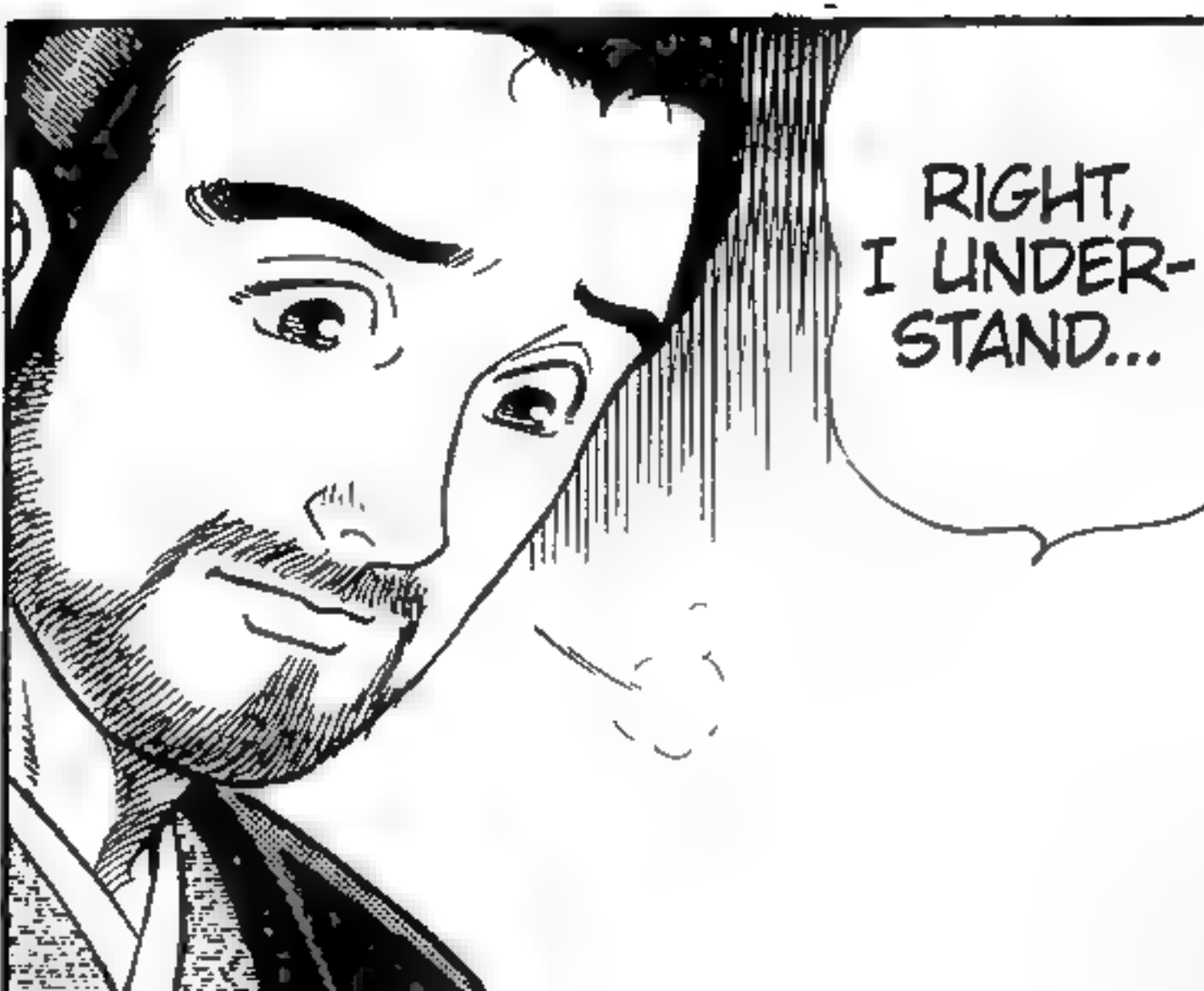


YOSHI-  
WARA



THE SUZUYA  
HOUSE,  
SECOND  
BLOCK OF  
EDO-CHO  
STREET





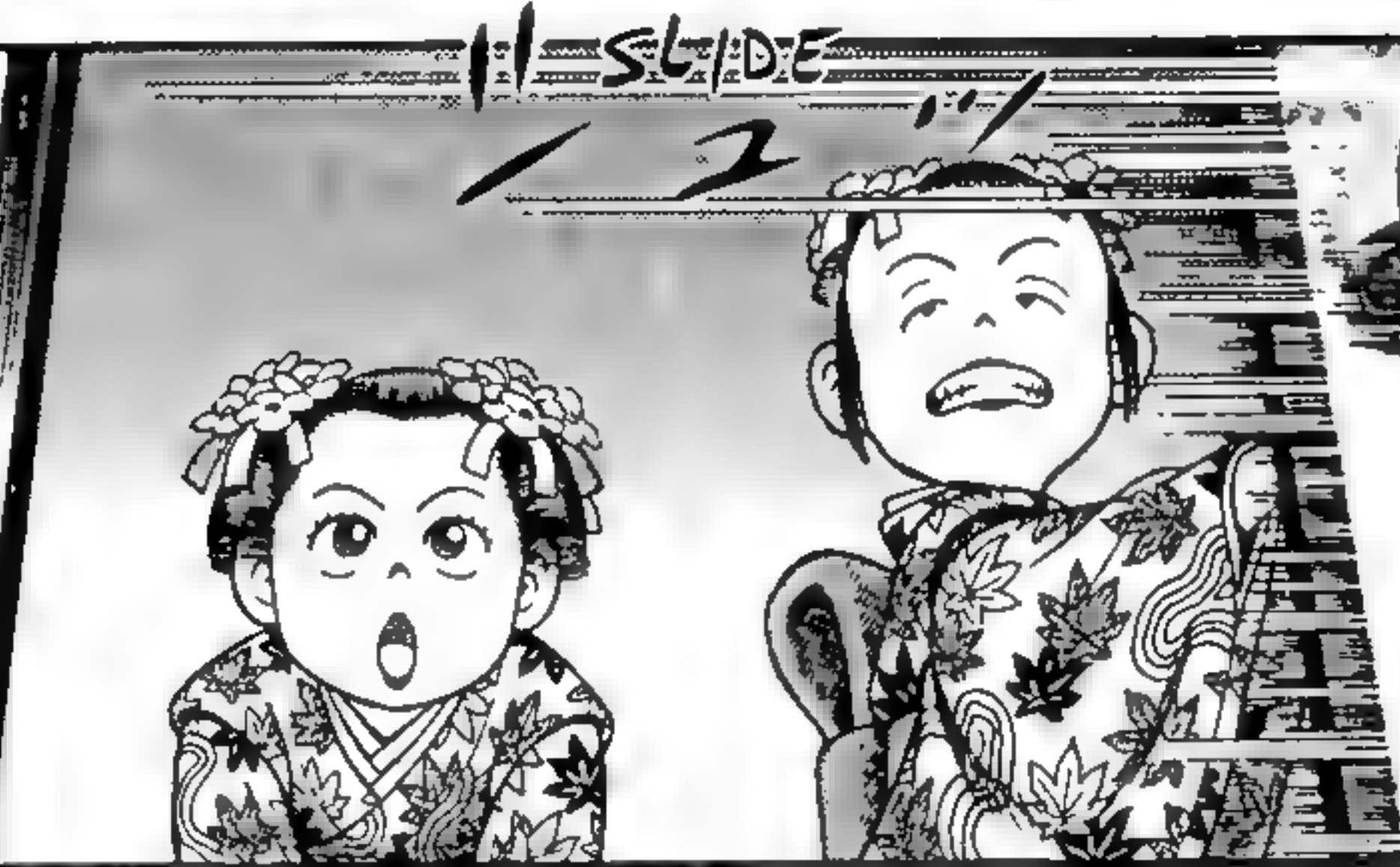




HEY!



ONE  
MOMENT,  
SENSEI.



YESSIR!











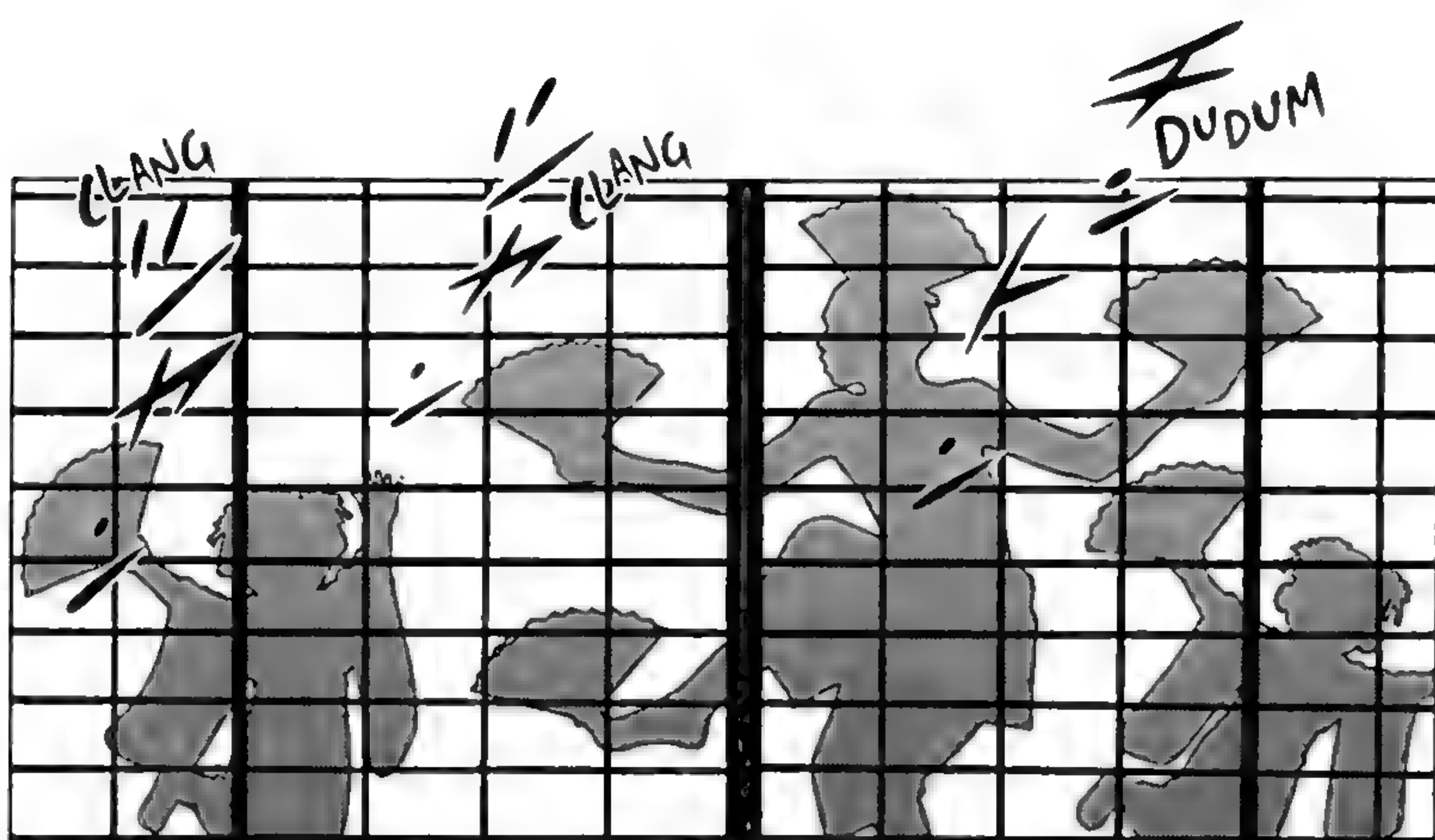












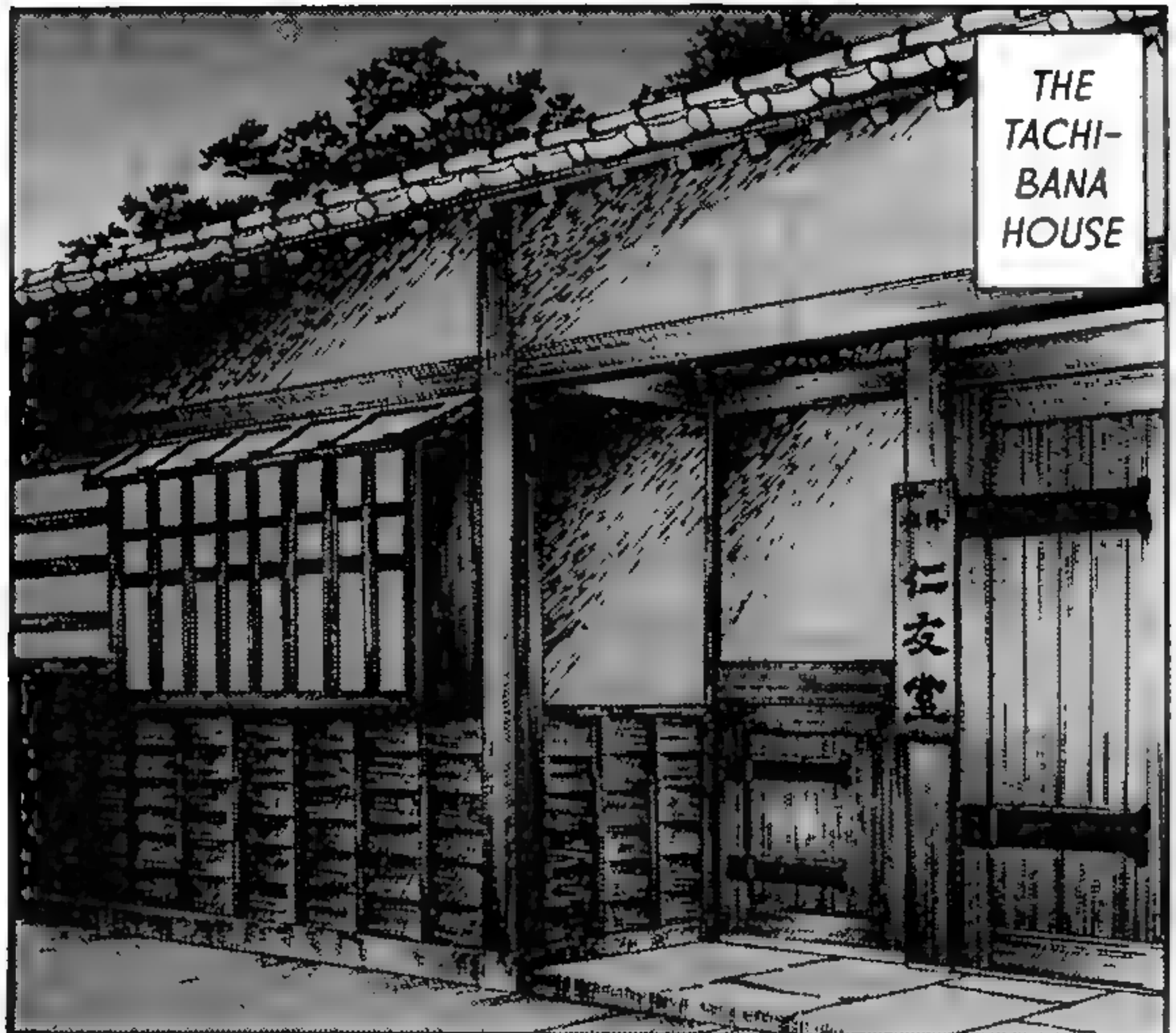




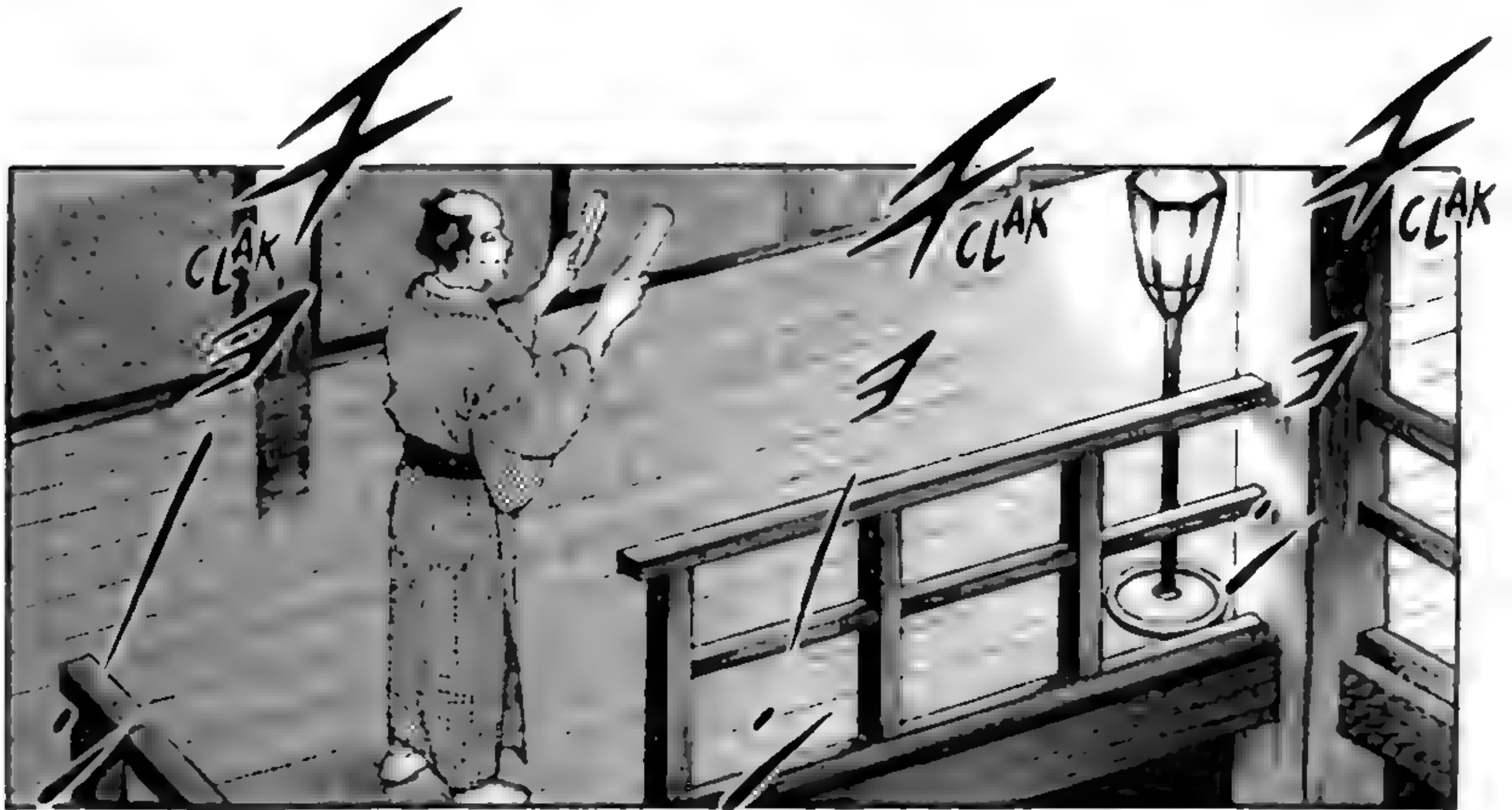
\*BU IS ANOTHER CURRENCY IN THE EDO PERIOD. 4 BU = 1 RYO.



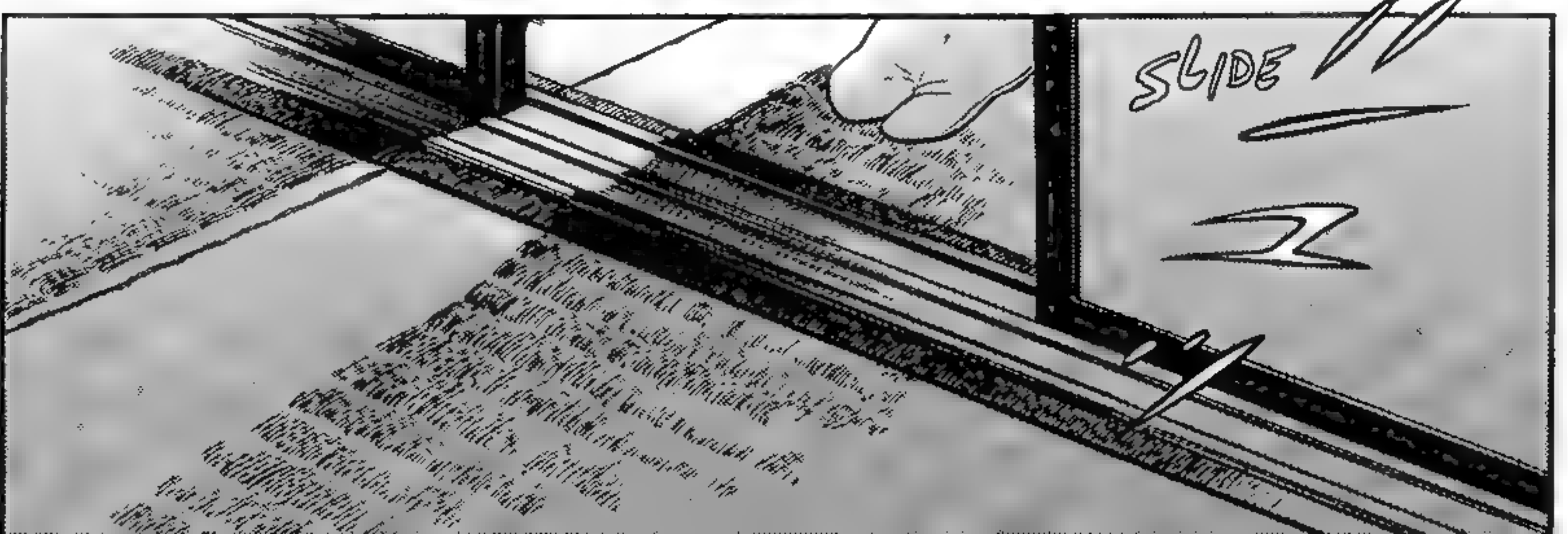
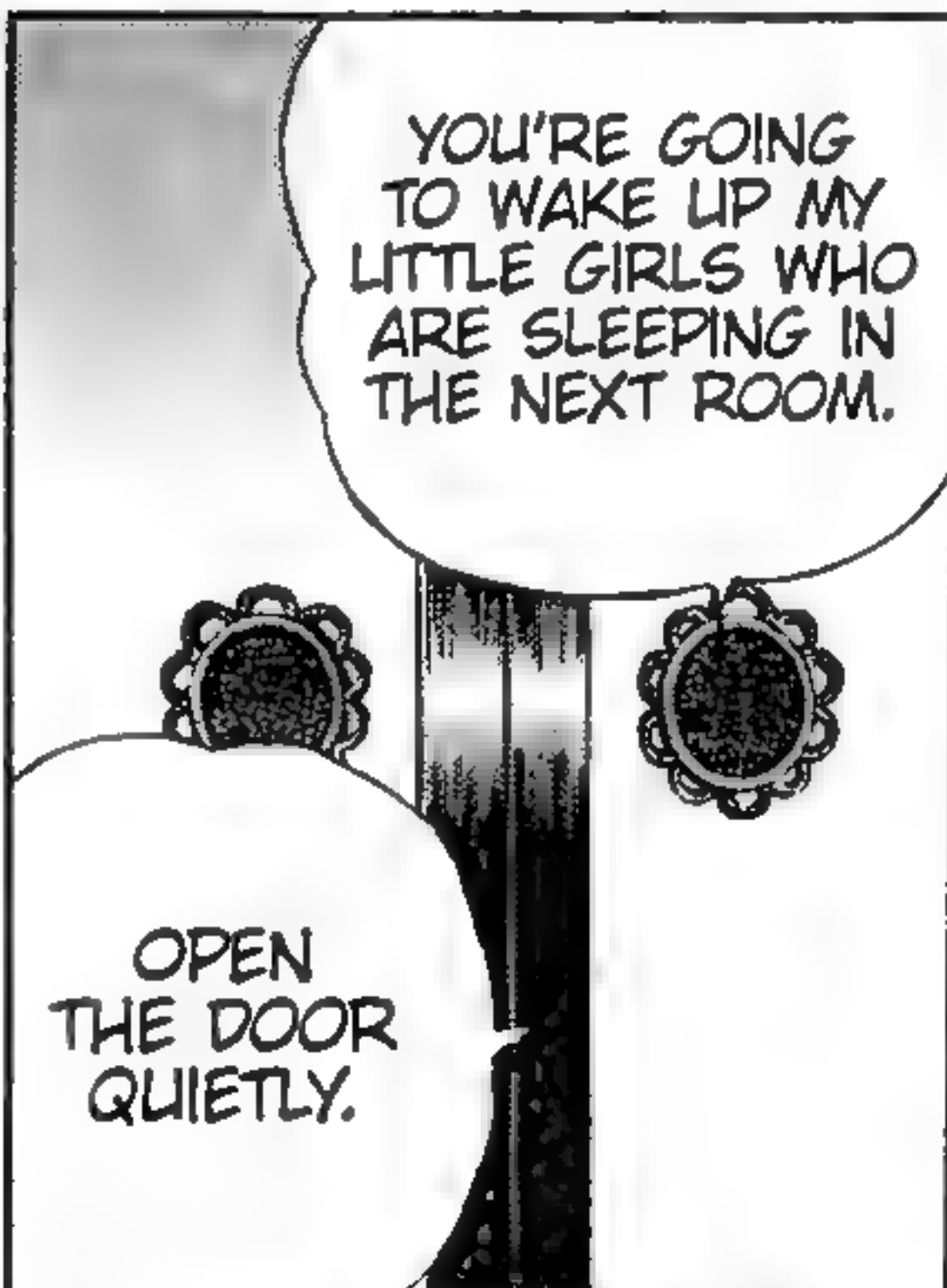








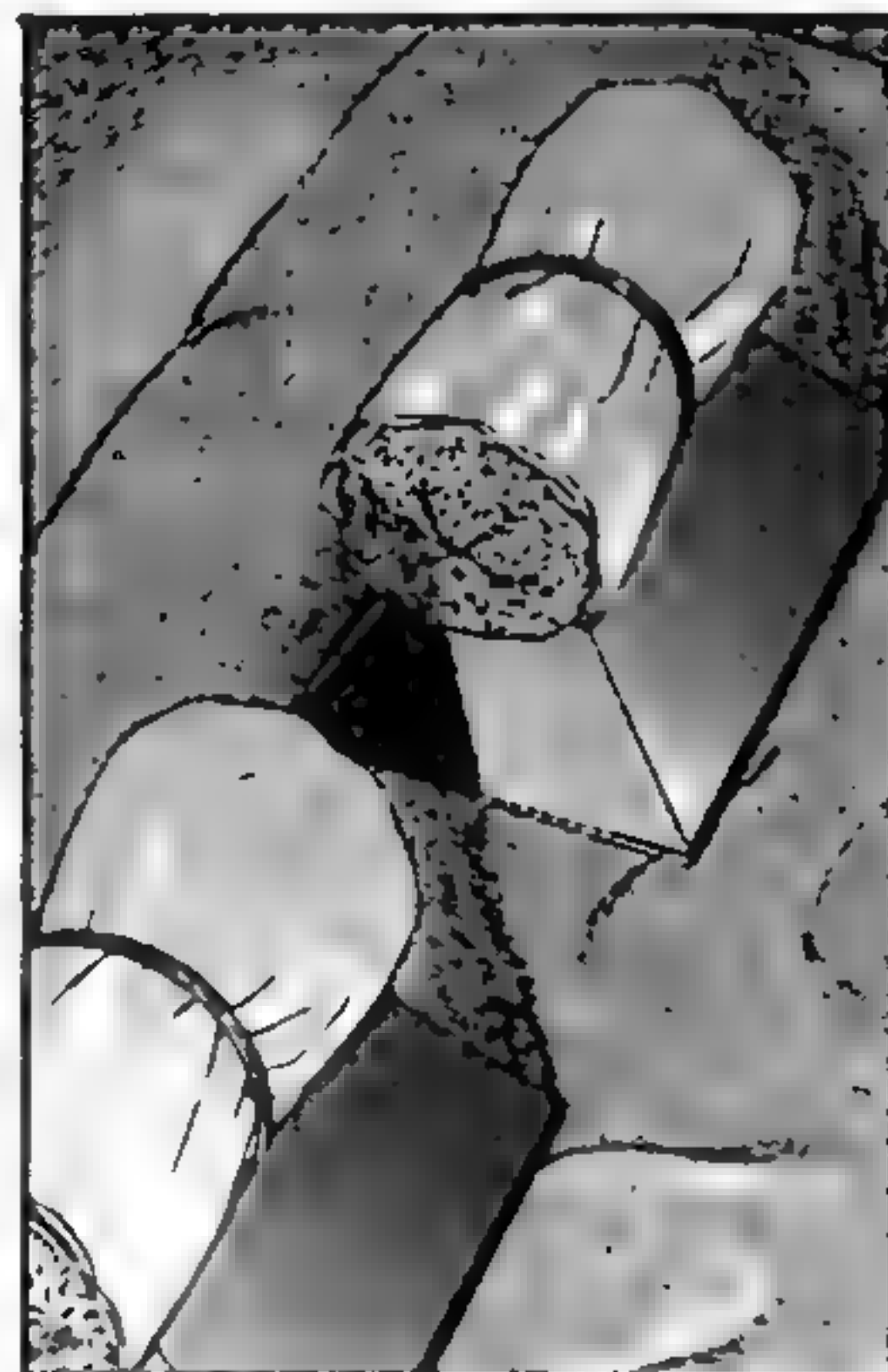




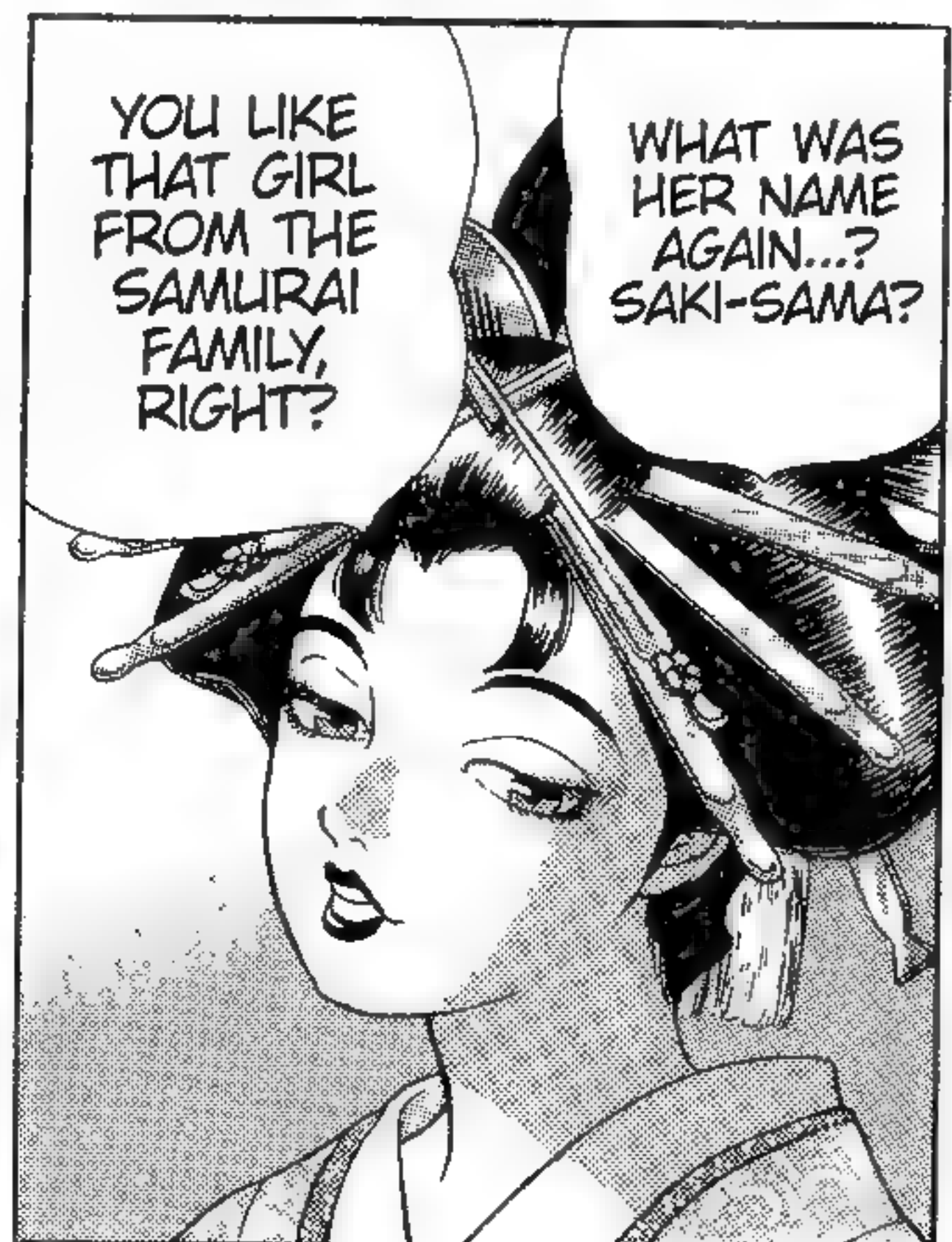
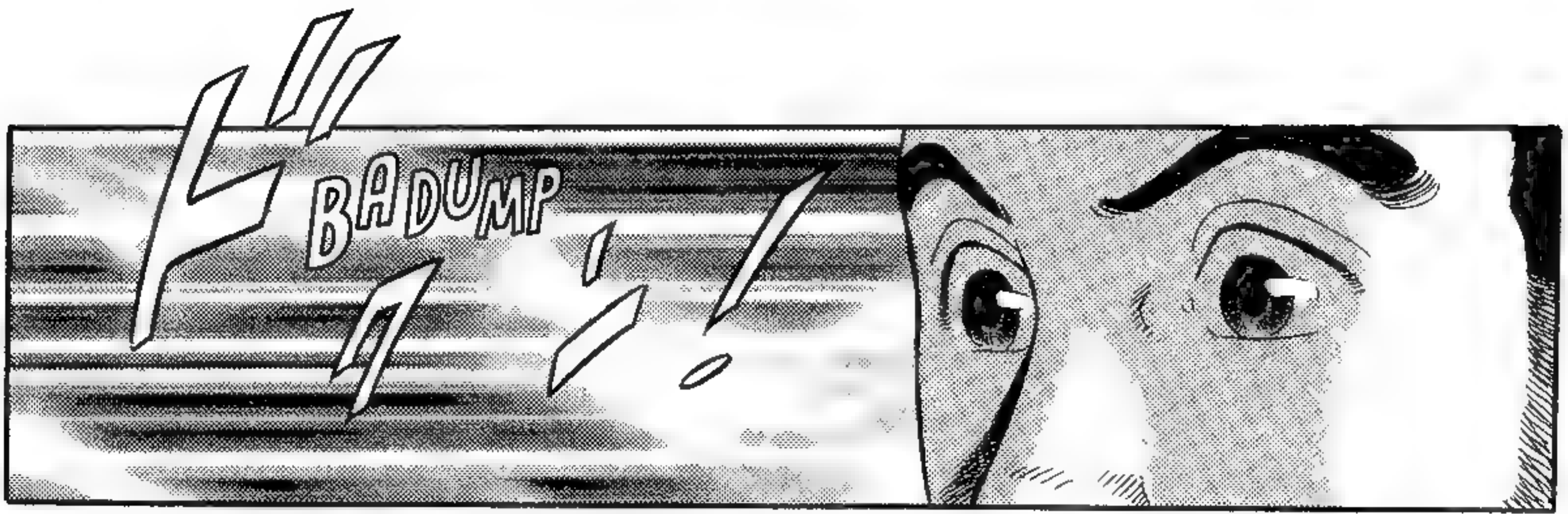




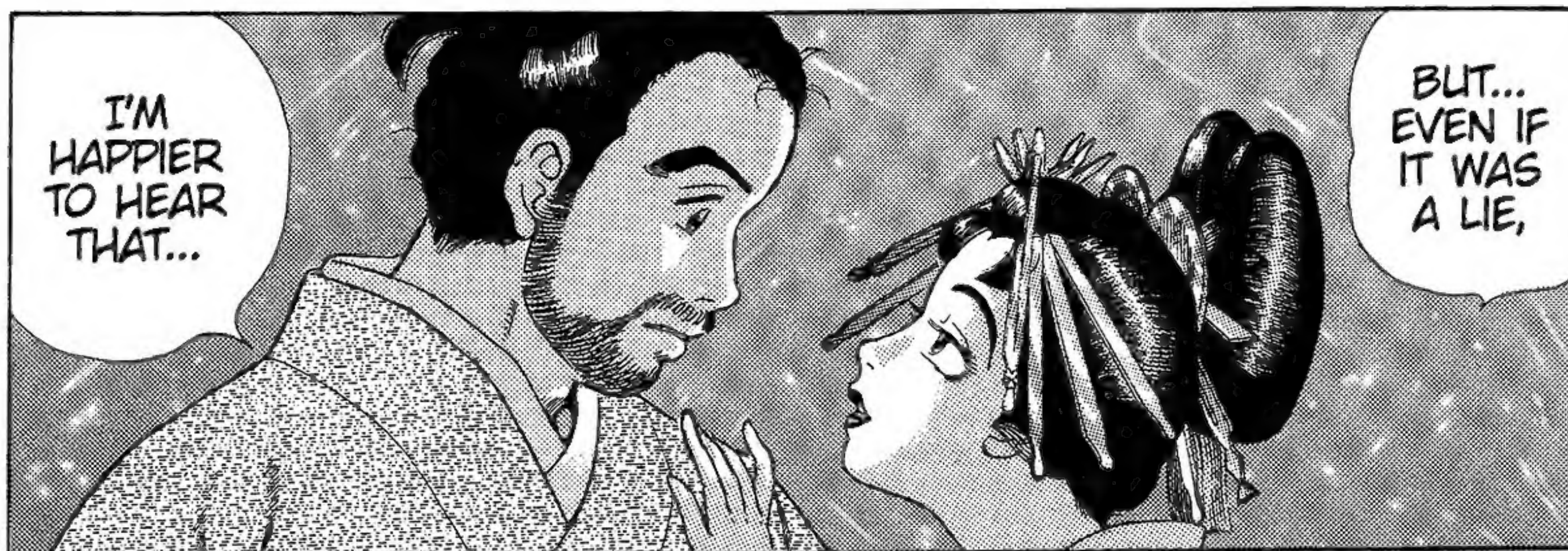




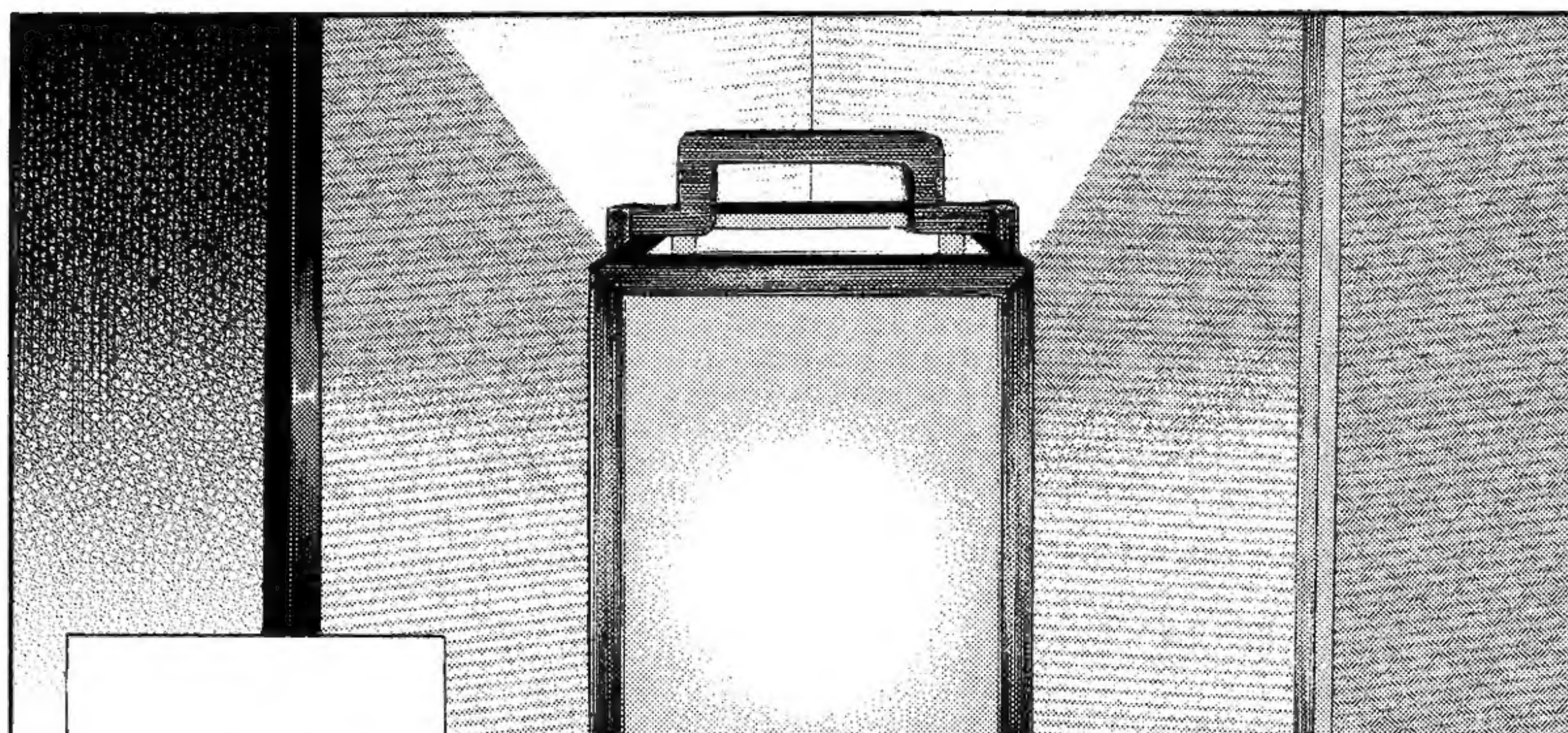




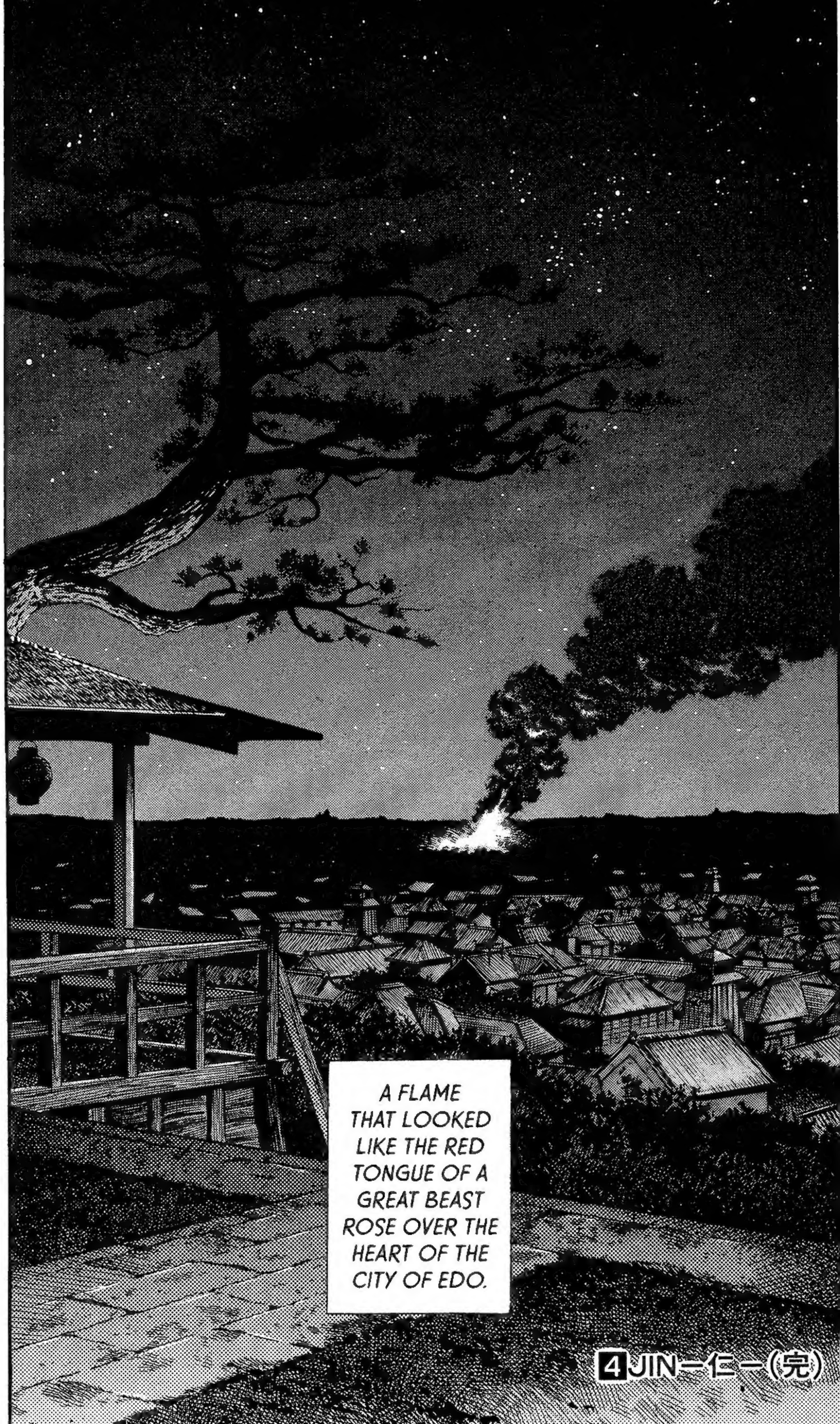












A FLAME  
THAT LOOKED  
LIKE THE RED  
TONGUE OF A  
GREAT BEAST  
ROSE OVER THE  
HEART OF THE  
CITY OF EDO.



